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Bethel conservation biologist arrested at D.C. tar-sands action

By MICHAEL DANIELS
"He has to deny this permit," said conservation biologist Ken Hotopp of Bethel. "Climate change is the ultimate economy and job killer."
"He" is President Obama.
The permit in question is for the 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, which would travel from the vast tar sands of Alberta, Canada through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to refineries in Houston and Port Arthur, Texas.
Because the pipeline would cross an international border, presidential approval is required.
"This is a serious issue," Hotopp said. "The tar sands in Alberta are the second largest deposit of oil on the planet, next to Saudi Arabia. If

we burn that oil, we'll have runaway climate change. We won't have any hope of getting it under control."
Putting that conviction on the line, Hotopp spent "a whirlwind four days," last week, joining hundreds of other Americans in a two-week-long peaceful demonstration on the sidewalk in front of the White House.
"It was a real cross section of Americans," he said. People across all different ages. It was a great group to stand up with."
He also joined 1,251 fellow protesters who were arrested by U.S. Park Police.
His arrest (for refusing to obey a lawful order to clear the sidewalk) came Friday.
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Father-and-son safe-busting team



IT'S BEEN HARD, DUSTY LABOR these days for Andre and Jerry Bernier, as they break down the safe and vault in the former Bethel Savings Bank Cole Block office. They are swapping the town (which wants to use the space for planning activities) the labor in exchange for the material they will haul off, including the metal vault door and its frame (about a ton apiece, Andre said), the internal safe (inset photo, two tons), and at least three truckloads of bricks and mortar.

(Photos: M. Daniels, left; A. Aloisio, below)

More calls coming in of missing dogs and suspicious activities

By TONY REAVES, Sun Media Wire
An Animal Control Officer who believes there may be a dogfighting ring in western Maine said nearly 20 dogs have been reported missing.
West Paris Animal Control Officer Ozzie Hart said calls came in all weekend about missing dogs and possible criminal activity.
After reading news reports of missing dogs last week, residents have called in previously unreported cases.
A Norway family said they noticed a vehicle last week in their dooryard shortly before going outside to find their dog missing. A Canton woman called Hart with information about a pit bull that was stolen from someone who was using it for dogfighting.

"She stole it from someone who was fighting them," Hart said. He said he was told the dog's face is badly scarred.
Most of the missing dogs are pit-bull types, although a Doberman pinscher, a chocolate Lab and a yellow Lab are also missing. He said many dogs have been missing for weeks, but owners are reporting them now in fear they might have been taken by people involved in dogfighting.
Hart said people have reported seeing a dark truck and a minivan driving together, and he believes they may be working in tandem to steal dogs.
Not everyone is convinced there is dogfighting in Oxford
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Pennsylvania woman again appeals \$2.8 MM assessment of second home at Powder Ridge

By ALISON ALOISIO
A Newry homeowner, who in May lost a case in Superior Court to reduce her 2009 tax bill of \$23,000, is arguing a similar case for her 2010 bill before the Oxford County Board of Assessment Review.
Sophia Bilinsky, of Kennett Square, Pa., was billed based on an assessment of \$2.8 mil-

lion in 2009 on her Powder Ridge home, built in 2007.
But she claimed the approximately 3,500 square-foot house was only worth between \$1.6 and \$1.8 million, and appealed to Newry selectmen.
The town said last year it could not negotiate a different assessment because Bilinsky would not provide infor-

mation on construction costs, homeowners' insurance and rental income.
Bilinsky said, however, that a just-value assessment is based on fair market value, not on the cost to build the home or what it is insured for.
She also said that cost information from before the 2008 economic collapse "has no

bearing on what the market value of the home is in 2009."
In addition, Bilinsky argued, the Newry assessor had based \$1.6 million of the total assessment on the "grade" (quality of finish) of the home.
She said that was excessive, citing what she said was a

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Andover mil rate up 30%

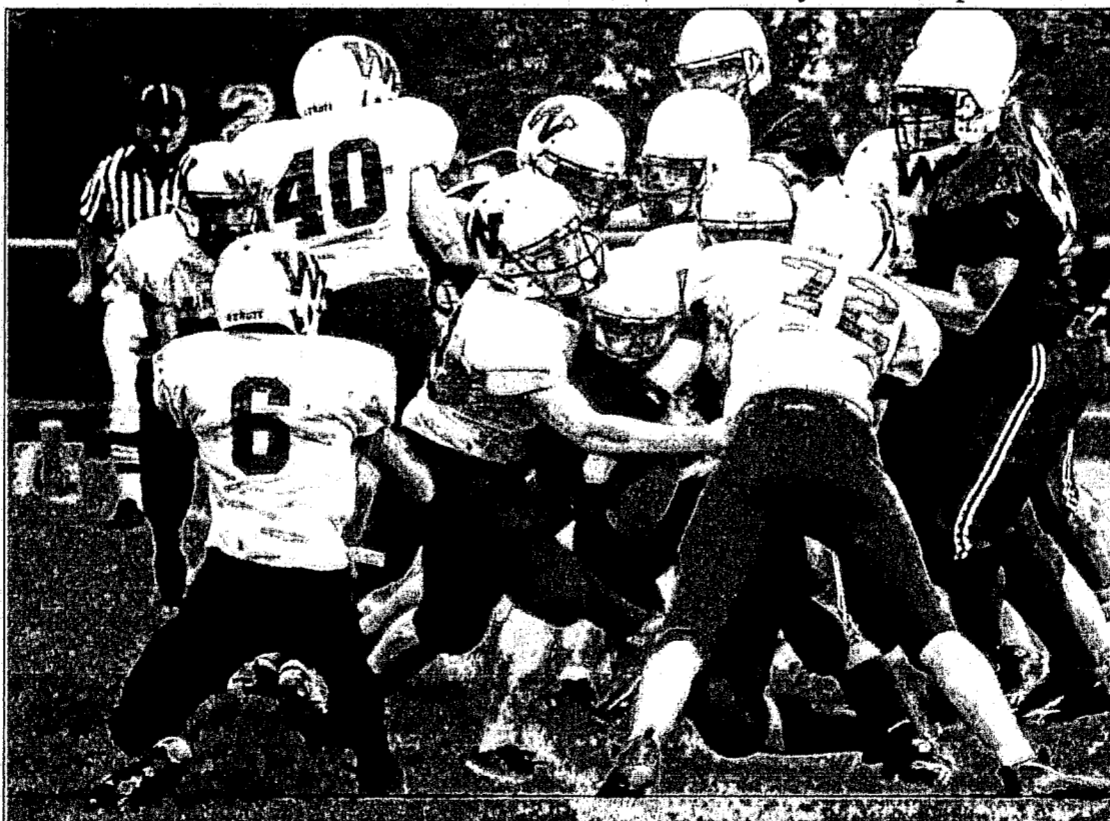
By ALISON ALOISIO
Late this week Andover taxpayers should find their 2011 tax bills, up approximately 30 percent from last year, in their mail boxes.
At a special board meeting last Wednesday, selectmen set a mil rate of 13.68, up from 2010's 10.43, according to Chair Susan Merrow.
The large hike this year is the result of several factors, Merrow said, including the cost of keeping the Andover Elementary School open (a \$214,600 assessment), a 6 percent increase in

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Woodstock OKs yellow ribbons on utility poles

By ALISON ALOISIO
Woodstock selectmen expressed their support Tuesday for a military wife who wants to place yellow ribbons on utility poles in the village in honor of her husband and other Woodstock residents, who are currently serving in a war zone.
Tonya Lewis wrote to the board initially to ask permission to put up the ribbons in honor of her husband, John, who is serving in Afghanistan. The selectmen said they would like to hear from others in town with relatives serving in a current conflict, so that they may be added to a list of those serving.

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Telstar High School players took the field as a varsity football team Saturday for the first time in 30 years, facing Winthrop. The Ramblers prevailed, 41-14. The Rebels were minus seven starters, held out for school-rule violations. Sophomore third-string quarterback Jared Vermette called the signals. Here, running back Will Lyman powers his way across the goal line in the first quarter for the Rebels' first touchdown. The next Telstar home game will be Sept. 24, against Oak Hill at 1:30 p.m. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Letters

REMEMBER: OUR NATION IS AT WAR

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article in The Citizen of Aug. 25 regarding Governor LePage's decision to oppose the lowering of the floor of the CONDOR training area in western Maine. I assume the governor made this decision in response to what he believes reflects the viewpoint of the majority of Mainers and it is right and proper for him to do so.

However, I question the perceived negative impact lowering the CONDOR floor would have on employment in Maine and on tourism. I can't imagine too many folks from away would decide to avoid Maine because of the unlikely event they would be disturbed by a low flying military jet. Our response to those people should be "Mainers proudly stand beside our American fighting men and women. Come stand with us."

Regarding the opinion that a small private plane might "pop up" in the path of a low flying military aircraft, the Federal Aviation Administration has for years issued "Notice to Airmen" (known as "NOTAMS") to advise pilots of any and all conditions that exist each day that could present a hazard to safe flight operations. All pilots are required by regulation to make themselves aware of these hazards and conduct their flight accordingly. Additionally, modern military aircraft are equipped with avionics equipment that aids the pilot in avoiding other aircraft.

What troubles me most is that we, as Mainers and as citizens of the United States, have lost sight of the fact that our nation is at war. Regardless of our individual opinions regarding this war, we should stand shoulder to shoulder with the men and women who are on the front lines fighting it. I believe that if we are going to ask our pilots to fly low level combat missions in a rugged and hostile region of the world, we should be willing to allow them to fly realistic training missions in western Maine where they can perfect the skills needed to fly a successful combat sortie as well as improve their chances of returning safely. I believe this is a small contribution for us to make. We all appreciate the sacrifices made by those Americans who serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, some of whom, along with their families, have paid a terrible price for their service. Shouldn't we civilians stand ready to do our part?

Steve Lovejoy
Bethel

WOODSTOCK'S 'GRAND DRAPE'

To the Editor:

On Aug. 15 I met with Chris Hadsel of Burlington, Vt., at Franklin Grange Hall in Woodstock. She had contacted me regarding a survey she was doing viewing and photographing historic theater curtains. The company name is "Curtains Without Borders." She is the director and M.J. Davis is the conservator.

Their business and the purpose of time spent traveling to view and photograph these curtains is to try to obtain the number of them still in Grange Halls, Town Halls, and any other organizations that may have them. Also to determine who may have done the painting of the scenes and determine an approximate date when they might have been painted.

They also restore these curtains for a fee. They are interested in preserving historic painted scenery such as that found on the curtains.

Franklin Grange has two of these curtains. One is a country scene that we have left unrolled and use for a back drop all the time. This also has six side panels or what Chris called "ears" that at some point were turned around so only nondescript wallpaper shows. She encouraged me to try to get these changed to complete the country scene.

The second curtain is a city street scene with cobblestone streets, stores and high-rise buildings. The awnings hanging from the store fronts advertise their wares. None of us had ever seen this one before she placed ropes on each end of it so she and I could let it be unrolled.

Chris said that originally there was what was called a "grand drape" that would have been the very front curtain to be opened upon a play scene. It was replaced with a velvet draw curtain or was directly behind the velvet one.

Unfortunately, it was taken down and its whereabouts is unknown. Any of our Grangers who might have known anything about these curtains are long gone. She would be interested in finding out who painted them, and what may have happened to the "Grand Drape."

Spending an hour and a half with her was well worth the time. I learned more about these curtains, their make-up, how they are restored to make them useful for many more years to come, how to clean them, and saw the booklets of Vermont and New Hampshire curtains she had photographed, with the data that she had available. Eventually, she hopes to take photos of all those in Maine. She stated she had found the most curtains in the Maine Grange Halls. Some have three. Others, like Franklin, have two, with the knowledge that originally there was another.

These two are dusty and dirty from being exposed for so many years. It is my hope to find another Granger interested enough that together we might remove much of that dust and dirt in the way she told me. It will involve time and "elbow grease," but the end result will be well worth it.

If anyone reading this knows, or might have heard who the artist was, please get in touch with me with that information at 392-3621.

Laura Hutchins
East Andover

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BLEAK LABOR DAY WEEKEND PROSPECT—The past weekend's dark skies and frequent rains seemed to reflect the job outlook for many American workers. Here, looking out Saturday morning from the boat launch at the south end of Twitchell Pond in Woodstock. (Photo: M. Daniels)

STILL FOUNDERING IN 'W'S WAKE

To the Editor:

The observations herein, are those of a concerned American citizen who has yet to be drawn into the seething vortex of partisan party politics. These thoughts are drawn from the perspective of striving to comprehend the objectives of the political fray from the vantage point of the side-lines. It seems that the hierarchy Of the Grand Old Party and all the potential Republican candidates for president of the United States are resorting to the beguiling practice, inherent in old-time politics, of ranting in unison with a forked tongue. When they refer to the American people, they are not referring to the collective average citizenry of this nation. They are instead referring to the wealthy to the extreme, and corporate interests. All below the spectrum of that coveted status are of no account and not worthy of consideration.

Many profess to have signed a written pledge to never to raise taxes on anyone, yet the money to give substantial tax breaks to the wealthiest citizens and to corporate interests has come from somewhere, and therefore constitutes nothing other than an imposed tax on those who can least afford it. This renders their no tax pledge as being an absolute farce.

They boisterously proclaim that the tax breaks for the wealthy and corporate interests will create jobs, knowing full well that the tax breaks put into effect by the last Republican administration created (no) jobs. These tax breaks served only to make a few millionaires into billionaires and gave America's corporate structure the wherewithal to further invest in their offshore interests.

Finally they loudly proclaim that the efforts of the present administration has only made things worse. This they intend as a distraction from the fact that all adverse economic occurrences that are taking place at this time, are actually nothing more than after shocks of the devastating economic earthquake spawned by the most recent Republican administration.

Don Chase
Bethel

REMEMBERING MARY LOU BERRY

To the Editor:

The passing of Mary Lou Berry brings to mind one of the Bethel Historical Society's most dedicated and enthusiastic members.

From the first time I met her over thirty years ago, I was impressed at how much she loved her home town and all connected with it. She joined the Society in the early 1970s before I returned to Bethel, but from the mid-1970s on she was one of the Society's greatest boosters and promoters. She often attended Society events and was a generous financial supporter of the organization.

One of her favorite activities was attending the annual Fourth of July Picnic on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House. I don't believe she ever missed a picnic until the onset of ill health prevented her from doing so. Furthermore, for years, she and her late husband were dedicated mailing volunteers making certain that the publications of the Society reached its members.

I shall greatly miss seeing Mary Lou and listening to her numerous memories of growing up in Bethel. The Society has lost a valued member, but we are all the better for knowing her.

Stan Howe
Bethel

CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILIES THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to take this time to thank everyone that has already helped Christmas for Families 2011.

A special thank you to Roxbury ATV Riders for the generous check as well as all of the wonderful gifts, to Rooster's Roadhouse for their part in getting us boxes full of gifts that were dropped off to the restaurant, to Maine Street Realty and Rentals for allowing us to use their office for the many donations, and also to all the others that have dropped off donations to Maine Street.

We accept donations year round and try to help when people are in need not just Christmas but our priority is Christmas time as that seems to be the worst for all of us. In 2010 we were able to help 250 children plus their parents; we could not do this without the help of our community and visitors to our wonderful town.

Nina Wheeler
Director, for Christmas for Families

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 35

The First Years: Kristie Comes, Winter

But now it was mud time. A few friends came slogging up the hill bringing their lunch with them, but they always trudged down before dark. Now I, without too many interruptions, could finish my living room project. Dot A. had advised me about dyeing. I put one of the zinc wash-tubs on the stove, added boiling water and color and tossed in one of the linen slipcovers. When that turned a shade that I liked, I took it out, added some more color and tossed in another cover. It was a hot, tedious job, stoking the fire with fine wood to keep the dye bath boiling, standing and stirring constantly for half an hour. I did the necessary three rinse waters outdoors to save some of the sloppy mess in the kitchen. All the covers came out in soft tones, the nameless colors blended well together. Ironing damp linen with sadirons heated on the stove was also a slow, tedious process but as I laid each finished piece away topside, the rainbow of colors cheered me. B.B. noticed my activity but only commented occasionally that I seemed to be having quite a time of nest-feathering.

It was past the middle of April. The ditches were open; there was more daylight each day. The road seemed to be drying out at last. B.B. ventured down with the station wagon one cool evening and got back with no trouble. A few days later, he was bolder, went in the early morning. Coming back at ten o'clock was too late. He got stuck halfway up the hill, came walking up to get some planks and a shovel. I went back with him and tried to help, a new experience for me and one that I have repeated a few times, always with more and more distaste for it. You shovel away mud and water; try to get a plank anchored under a wheel to make traction. You start the car, which may slip off the plank or the plank itself may sink deeper and deeper into the mud. In time, by some magic, B.B. always gets out.

Not long after this episode came a call from the railway station agent telling us that we had a large parcel there. The Olsen rug had come. I was in a fervor to get it and see what it looked like. B.B. was not anxious to get stuck again. We could leave it at Miss Fan's until the road was really dry. She was willing, but the new soon wore off. She wanted it out of the way. She phoned B.B. saying she would send the bundle as far as turn with T.R. Why couldn't B.B. come with Kristie and pick it up. I heard him explaining that it was too large to balance on our little wagon, more conversation, then that he would be at the turn tomorrow at nine o'clock. He rigged up a kind of a travois affair, took burlap sacks for extra wrapping, came back with the rug. Once here, he was curious to see what it looked like, brought it in, tore off the paper. "There are two here," he said in amazement.

"Of course," I answered. "I'm not always living in a tree. I've watched you plan and do things here. I had it made in two pieces purposely so that they could be separated and not cover up the heat registers in the wintertime." B.B. looked at me agape and then unrolled the rugs for me.

That afternoon I washed all the windows inside and out, put on the slipcovers. Then I took a short walk and came back to stand in the door, wondering just how I would like my creation. It wouldn't matter really, the financial investment was small, my time was not worth much. The woodwork and bricks were painted the same soft pale pink as the patternless wallpaper. The fireplace was still not a simple Georgian one, but it was much less conspicuous. The rug was a mulberry rose color. The chairs and couch were all the different colors of the painting and the doll's clothing. The cupid was still thumbing his nose, maybe in disdain of the gentleman across the shelf, maybe at me. Anyway, the room was done, I liked it, but I was weary of household projects.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholar Alex Gillies had arrived in Ghana, Africa, and was getting settled into her dorm and registering for classes.

Debbie Brown moved her brber/stylist business from her home in West Bethel to Locke Mills, next to Maine Line Products.

The CPS PTA hosted a welcome back to school picnic for all CPS families and friends.

Deaths: Edmond J. Vachon, Lloyd E. Davis.

20 years ago: Fire gutted a camp, owned by a Massachusetts couple, on Songo Pond.

SAD 44 opened its doors to more than 1,100 students for the new school year.

Gladys Cross, Vernon Street, was presented the Boston Post Cane as Bethel's oldest citizen.

The barn at the Norseman Inn was being remodeled into 22 lodging units.

Birth: Devin James Hughes. Death: Agnes H. Haines.

30 years ago: New teachers in M.S.A.D. 44 were Terry Merrill, Woodstock; Donald Isham, Crescent Park; Judith M. Brown, Telstar Middle School; and Elaine Dresser, Telstar Middle School.

Old Home Sunday service at the West Bethel Union Church was attended by a large group of people from area towns.

Ray Moran defeated Alan Connors in the finals of the President's Cup at Bethel Inn, winning the annual event.

Births: Kayce Lee Gilbert, Phoebe Della Brown.

Deaths: Carleton J. Leslie, Mrs. Blanche L. Berryment.

40 years ago: The Town of Bethel received a check for \$3,616.39 as reimbursement on flood damage suffered in early 1970.

An open house was held at the new Ledgeview Nursing Home in West Paris.

Mrs. Ethel Bisbee suffered a fractured wrist in a fall at her home.

Births: Brant Douglas Remington, Brian Scott Chase, Jennifer Rae Hutchins.

Deaths: Mrs. Walter H. Bond, Mrs. Ella B. Hustus, Harry E. Mason.

50 years ago: Gould Academy opened with an enrollment of 337.

Donna Rice was attending the Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing.

Thomas Brown announced that he has sold his insurance agency to W. J. Wheeler and Co. effective Oct. 1.

Season tickets at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes were Family, \$125; Adults, \$50; Under 14, \$25.

Births: Carolyn Davis, Deborah Jean Robie, Karen Lynn Brooks, Rockland Leroy Brown.

Deaths: Wallace L. Hazelton, Ellsworth H. Brooks, William H. Barker.

60 years ago: New teachers at Gould Academy included Richard E. Barbour, Clifford Hillier, Miss Valeria L. Kimball, and Miss Anne Monzert.

Pvt. Donald Earl Brooks successfully completed Leadership School with the 26th Field Artillery Battalion, a unit of the 9th Division Artillery, Fort Dix, NJ.

Misses Marguerite Cotton and Rebecca Philbrick spent several days at Moosehead Lake.

Birth: Karina Ruth Leino. Death: George A. Norton.

70 years ago: Carl Godwin was thrown while leading a cow and suffered a fractured wrist.

There were 2,427 visitors at the Bethel information booth on Railroad Street during July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Naimey moved from Bethel to Wells.

80 years ago: George Thompson, superintendent of the N. S. Stowell & Co. mill injured his left hand severely on a buzz planer.

Death: Mrs. Fred F. Bean.

90 years ago: Cars driven by Philip Barker and Alton Gott collided at the crossing of High and Elm streets. No one was injured, but one car lost a wheel.

West Bethel fair was postponed because of whooping cough.

Death: Austin Hutchinson.

100 years ago: About 200 attended a Grange field day at Mr. Freeman's cottage at Bryant Pond.

Deaths: Benjamin R. Bryant,

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Dogs

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County. Former Auburn Animal Control Officer Bentley Rathbun said the evidence, missing and murdered dogs, doesn't necessarily mean dog-fighting.

The sounds of barking and gunshots in the woods don't point to that, either, he said.

Professionals keep their dogs quiet, he said, and anyone who was fighting barking dogs must be an amateur.

Before his retirement, Rathbun pulled several dead pit bulls and pit bull mixes from the Androscoggin River.

Ten years ago, he was a leading voice in the state for increased vigilance of dog-fighting rings.

Hart said he wasn't sure the disappeared dogs are being used for fighting, but that it's likely, considering the evidence.

"I don't know that they're actually fighting them, or that

they're taking the dogs and killing them," Hart said.

According to Hart, local residents have offered to check an area along the power lines in Woodstock where people have reported hearing gunshots and barking.

Hart said he told them not to because people involved in dogfighting can be dangerous.

Hart said he's continuing his investigation and has several calls scheduled this week as he gathers information.

He hadn't heard from law enforcement officials since going public with his theory, he said, and calls to the Oxford County Sheriff's Office were not returned last week and Tuesday.

Dogfighting in Maine is a Class C felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for each offense. Viewing a dogfight is a Class D offense.

Route 27 reopened

CARRABASSETT VALLEY—Traffic is flowing again on Maine Route 27 in Carrabassett Valley after two temporary bridges were installed to replace spans destroyed by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Irene. Now that the temporary bridges are in place construction crews can begin work on permanent replacements over the Carrabassett River and Brackett Brook. More than 8 inches of rain fell in northern Franklin County Aug. 29 and caused river flooding that washed away the two bridges 300 yards apart that provided access to the Sugarloaf Mountain Resort. Motorists had to use long detours after the washouts to reach the area. Route 27 is also a key trucking route between Maine and Quebec. Mark Latti of the Maine Department of Transportation said permanent bridges are expected to be finished by Nov. 18.

Dumont to toss first pitch for Sox

NEWRY—Eight-time X Games medalist, 2014 Winter Olympic hopeful, world record holder, and Sunday River Resort sponsored professional skier, Simon Dumont, will get his chance to test his baseball skills as ceremonial pitcher before the Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays in Boston on Friday, Sept. 16. "I'm really looking forward to throwing the first pitch at Fenway," says Dumont. "Growing up in Maine, I've been a New England sports fan since I was born. I'd like to thank Sunday River and the Boston Red Sox for making this possible." Dumont is scheduled to throw the ceremonial first pitch at 7:10 p.m. The game will be broadcasted on NESN, WEEI-AM, WWZN-AM and MLB.T. Born and raised in Bethel, Dumont was recently tapped by the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) to help lead the brand's newest extension—the U.S. Freeskiing Team's first Pro Halfpipe Team. This comes on the heels of the International Olympic Committee's decision in April to add ski halfpipe to the Olympic program for 2014. In addition to joining the Pro Halfpipe Team, Dumont's notable accomplishments include: skiing the Red Bull Cubed Pipe in May - the most difficult half-pipe run in history; founding New England's most prestigious annual slopestyle event, the Dumont Cup at Sunday River; and breaking the world record for highest air on a quarterpipe at Sunday River in 2008.

Farm Service help for Irene damage

SOUTH PARIS—Marcia Hall, county executive director of the Oxford County Farm Service Agency has announced programs available to local farmers and ranchers affected by Hurricane Irene. Hall urges producers to call or stop by the office to report any damage to farmland. Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) payments may be made available to assist producers with debris cleanup, land grading, shaping and releveling, restoring permanent fencing and restoring conservation structures. Producers are encouraged to file a notice of loss when a crop or planting is affected by natural disaster. Also available are FSA's Disaster Assistance Programs authorized through the 2008 Farm Bill including the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP). With the exception of LIP, to receive assistance under FSA's Disaster Assistance Programs producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all crops of economic significance through either the Federal Crop Insurance Act or FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). There are limited exceptions to this rule. FSA is required to determine that the claimed loss was because of a disaster occurring on or before Sept. 30, 2011. FSA must determine if a qualifying loss meets the established disaster relief criteria for at least one crop. Hall encourages all producers to read the applicable disaster program fact sheets and to visit their local FSA county office. The staff can provide additional information such as the deadline for filing a program application or the initial requirement for filing a notice of loss. For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, visit a local FSA county office or <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Appeal

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similar quality home that received only a \$4 assessment for the grade.

Denied an abatement by the selectmen, Bilinsky appealed in May 2010 to the Oxford County Board of Assessment and was also denied. The assessors cited the lack of information on the house.

An appeal to Oxford County Superior Court was denied in May of this year for an "insufficient record to support the arguments," according to Attorney Jarrod Crockett, who is currently representing her.

2010 case
In April of this year, Newry selectmen denied another appeal from Bilinsky, this one on her 2010 tax bill of \$24,772. Among the reasons cited, they said that other properties offered by Bilinsky for comparison on grades had "substantially less" construction costs and less square footage, and there were no comparable properties.

"In considering the grade of the property, the first thing

to consider would be the actual cost of the property (if this number is available) and make adjustments for such things as overbuilt, surplus capacity and adjustments to current cost schedules used by the town," a letter from Town Administrator Loretta Powers said. "In considering these adjustments, the information that was available from talking with the contractor at your home was later verified by your appraiser at being greater than \$5 million. The 50 percent reduction of the actual cost seems to be more than fair, when considering how other properties are being valued in the town. Your failure to supply the town with the requested information so that we could verify the information that we are using left us no alternative but to use what we had. A copy of your homeowner's insurance policy and your records of the actual cost could have helped us greatly."

On Aug. 24, Crockett pre-

sented an appeal on that denial to the county board. A decision has not yet been made.

Crockett said Tuesday the information for the 2010 case is much more complete.

Bilinsky this year hired her own appraiser, he said, who examined the house in detail, reviewing such items as siding and roofing. He concluded the home was significantly overgraded, according to Crockett.

Crockett also said he has affidavits from Bilinsky's appraiser and the builder stating that they did not have a conversation with the Newry assessor about construction costs.

Abatement information for Newry for the past several years shows that Bilinsky is the first property owner to be asked for construction costs, Crockett said.

The next meeting of the county board has not yet been set.

The legal costs so far to the town for the case in 2011 are \$1,687, according to Powers.

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As the effort goes forward, Town Manager Vern Maxfield will draw up general guidelines for displaying such ribbons, such as how long they may stay up and where they may be placed. The current suggestion is to allow them on the same poles where American flags are displayed at different times during the year.

In other business, Maxfield said he has heard from residents who support the establishment of a fireworks ordinance for the town. "Apparently there are a lot of fireworks on the back side of North Pond in the summer," he said.

Maine recently legalized consumer fireworks. The law goes into effect Jan. 1, but towns may regulate their use locally.

Wind project
The board also heard a progress report from Patriot Renewable's Tom Carroll on the Spruce Mountain wind proj-

ect. He said work by his company on the Concord Pond Road, which provides access to the site, is progressing. He also said security is being provided at the tower construction site. In the past, he said, fuel had been stolen from the location.

Carroll said he hopes tower parts will start being delivered later this month.

Patriot Renewables has requested that the Granite Ledge Hill Road be reopened to winter maintenance to provide access to the site. A public hearing on the issue will take place Sept. 20. Selectman Steve Bies asked Carroll if the company would be interested in pursuing residential developments on the road if it becomes more accessible.

"We're not in the housing development business," said Carroll.

Selectman Ron Deegan said he has heard from residents who do not clearly under-

stand the financial benefits to the town that the project provides. He suggested Maxfield send out letters to all residents explaining the breakdown of tax and other monies generated by the project.

Roadside spring, CMP

A recent water test at the roadside spring on Route 26 came back with a "bad" result, Maxfield said, likely due to rotting leaves getting into the system. The pipe has been cleaned, he said, and five tests will be done in September to see if the problem has been resolved.

The board also heard a report from a Central Maine Power representative about plans to install 1,009 "Smart Meters" in Woodstock late this year.

Among the benefits, she said, are faster identification of power outages and elimination of the need for homeowners to keep a path to a meter clear.

Action

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GUYS' LAST STANDING—Out of consideration for the rigors of standing for long periods on concrete sidewalks, Ken Hotopp (fourth from right, standing) said, U.S. Park Police arrested first the elderly and those who had difficulty standing, then women, and, lastly, men — shown here cheering as the women were arrested. A short while later the men were themselves handcuffed and taken away.

the next-to-last day of the civil disobedience "action."

"I was arrest number 128 of 166" that day, he said.

The arrests were peaceful.

"We didn't resist in any way: go limp, or have words for the officers. We cooperated. It was completely non-violent."

The police, for their part, responded in kind.

The protest itself involved standing for several hours, he said, "so they took the people who were older, who had trouble standing, first, and they went slowly about it, helped people down the curb."

"A woman lost a hat and they helped her pick it up."

During the earliest stages of the action, arrested protesters

were sometimes held for more than two days, but by the point Park Police snapped the plastic handcuffs on Hotopp things had been streamlined.

"By the time we were arrested they had a real system down," he said. "Rather than moving people from transport to jail, they actually held us in the van in front of the police station, then processed us through the station and let us go."

The whole process took a couple of hours and cost Hotopp a \$100 fine.

But the smoothness of the official process belied the intensity of the protesters' feelings.

"The message of the group was aimed directly at the

president," Hotopp said.

"It was surprising how many Obama supporters were there," he said, including one, in an Obama T-shirt, Hotopp encountered while in the police van.

"He said he had campaigned door to door for Obama. But you should have seen his face and heard his voice when he said that."

"The president is going to have to take serious action rather than just talking about things," Hotopp said. "They basically don't believe him anymore."

For more about the tar sands and climate change: www.tarsandsaction.org and www.350.org.

Andover

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the town appropriation, and an 8 percent increase in the county tax.

Last spring, the SAD 44 School Board voted to close AES, but townspeople then voted to raise the funds themselves to keep it open.

"To date, the town has received \$12,615 in donations from citizens, which went to offset the increased costs for keeping the elementary school open," said Merrow.

"Two other critical factors impact [tax] fluctuations from year to year," she said. "In recent years, town meeting voters have placed restrictions on how much surplus is used

to offset taxes. In addition, tightening of budgets has reduced surplus amounts at the end of the year for many town departments."

The 2009 mil rate was 12.00, higher than last year's, but lower than this year's.

Merrow said the surplus was up in 2009, but down in 2010. "The surplus was greater in 2009 as more money was left over in the road budgets, primarily," she said.

And in 2010, for the first time in 10 years, Andover did not have a road-loan payment, because a bond was paid off.

"We have a new 10-year bond this year, so we have that pay-

ment again," she said.

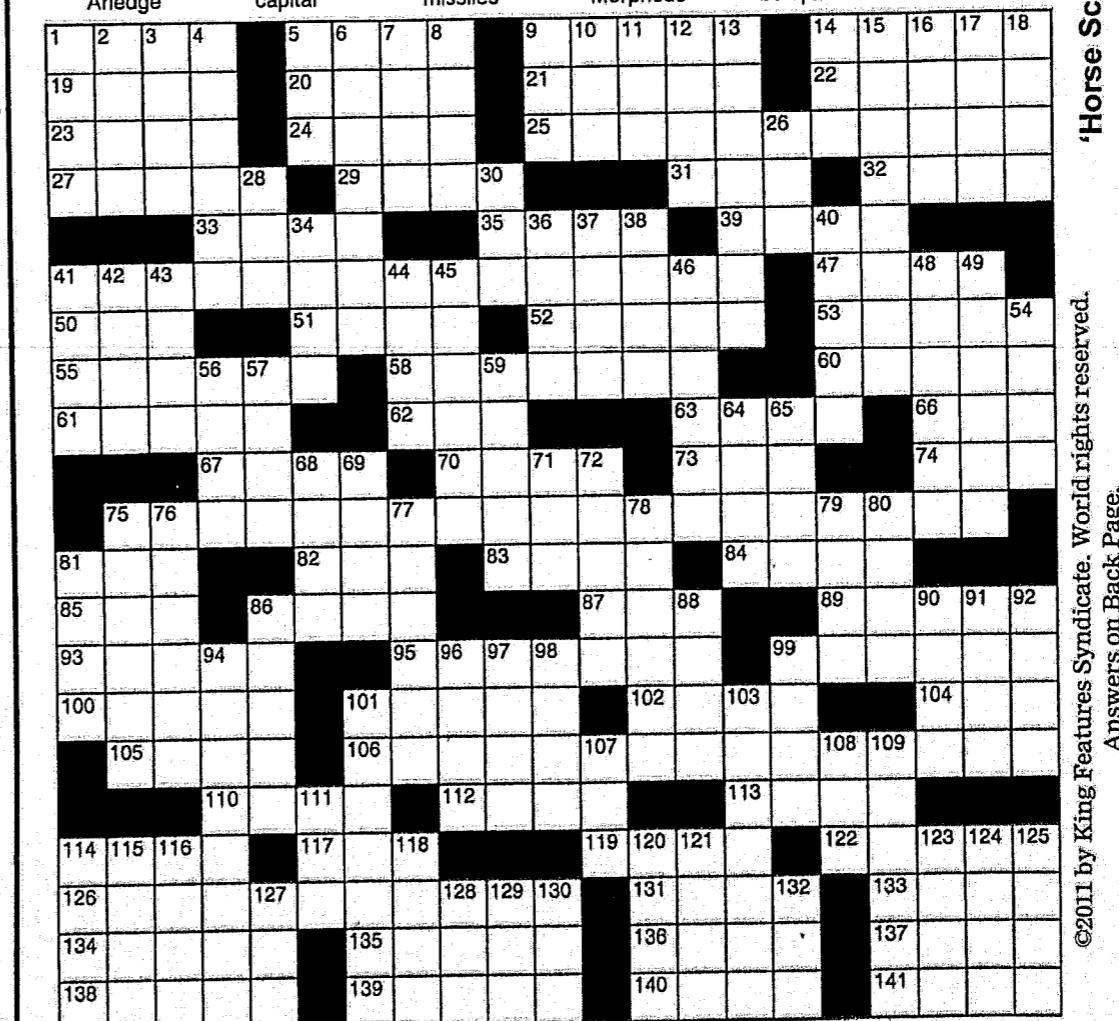
She also noted that people are not registering as many vehicles as in the past, likely as a result of the economy, so the town has seen revenue decline.

Andover's Comsat Trust interest (of which 75 percent goes to tax reduction) was slightly higher this year, said Merrow.

In other business at the special meeting, selectmen hired Liz Wagstaff as the new town secretary.

She replaces Tina Farrington, who left to operate the Little Red Hen Diner and Bakery.

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OCSD Patrol Log:

Tuesday, Aug. 30

At 4:19 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes received a report sometime before noon on the day before, tires on a vehicle had been deflated on Mechanic Street. They were not damaged.

At 5:09 p.m. a report was received that after 10 pm on Aug. 29, two windows on a truck on the West Bethel Road were shot out, and there were small dents on a body panel.

At 10:31 p.m. an assault was reported on the West Bethel Road. Deputies George Cayer and Sgt. Matt Baker arrived on the scene first. Two subjects had been sprayed with Mace by a third subject. Statement forms were given to all and no one was charged. The district attorney was to review the case.

At 11:11 p.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to the Intervale Road for a report that multiple subjects had tried to break down a door. They fled toward East Bethel in a black vehicle. Investigation revealed it was a family issue.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

At 3:56 p.m. a subject reported two windows had been shot out of her car on Main Street after 4 p.m. on Aug. 29. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

At 4:09 p.m. a Broad Street caller reported the side window of an antique limo style car had been shot out. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

At 5:06 p.m. a caller reported the rear cap window on her truck had been shot out on Elm Street, and there was also a small dent from what looked like a BB. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned.

Thursday, Sept. 1

At 10:38 a.m. a Vernon Street caller reported someone may have gotten some personal information and tried to open a credit account with it. Cpl. Justin Brown was assigned.

At 2:03 p.m. a caller on the Parkway reported an intoxicated person on a bike had fallen. He was apparently able to get himself back up and on the bike and left the area.

At 8:14 p.m. a caller on Pine Haven Land returned home and believed someone may have tried to enter the residence. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

Friday, Sept. 2

At 11:05 a.m. a report was received of damage done by a BB gun on High Street. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 7:54 p.m. Deputy Bruce Korhonen responded to Chapman Street for a report of possible marijuana use.

Saturday, Sept. 3

At 5:03 p.m. a caller on West Bethel Road reported Road rage on Route 2 to the Flat Road. Cpl. Brian Landis was assigned.

At 10 p.m. two reports were received of fireworks coming from a house on the Taylor Woods Road. Deputy Matt Noyes responded. The subjects were located and they

had no more fireworks. A disorderly conduct warning was issued.

Sunday, Sept. 4

At 5:15 a.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Main Street for a report of loud music. The deputy was in the area and heard no music. The complainant was highly intoxicated and no evidence was found to support the complaint.

At 7:35 a.m. Deputy Mike Parshall responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report of the burglary of a storage unit by the renter.

Monday, Sept. 5

At 6:45 a.m. Deputies Dennis Ryder and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report that a vehicle had hit a utility pole and left the area.

At 7:21 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Sunday River Road for an accident. The driver reported he lost control going around a corner and rolled his vehicle over and into a tree. No injuries were reported.

At 9:44 a.m. a report was received that a juvenile had made harassing phone text messages to five people. All five victims called and filed reports. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned. The suspect's mother was made aware of the complaints and warned to have the juvenile stop.

At 10:39 a.m. a caller on Main Street reported threats made a few days ago. He said he was not worried about them (text messages) until the other party involved threatened to call the police. He now wants the messages to stop. Deputy Dennis Ryder warned both parties to have no further contact with each other.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



In this week's column - The Eddy is a new private middle school at Newry Corner; Rick Whitney stars in a Sun-Journal video; Crescent Park School begins its 60th year; Part II about wood pellet heating; Alpine House in the 1890s; What Carrie Wight wrote about trapping and furs; Bethel Harvest Fest comes Saturday, Sept. 17.

The Eddy - new school at Newry Corner

The Eddy, a new private school for students in grades five through eight, opened at Newry Corner on Tuesday

with seven students and Mrs. Deb Webster teacher. The Eddy has its own "Little Red Schoolhouse" building with a welcoming, home-like entrance porch and brand new interior. It is a re-cycled and completely renovated former Bear River Cabin. Three students are from Bethel, one from Andover and one from Albany as well as Deb and Doug Webster's two girls.

The Eddy is administered and primarily taught by Mrs. Deb Webster, a K-8 Maine certified teacher with 20-plus years of teaching experience in public, private, and home schools. She received her B.S. from M.I.T. (1990) and her M. Ed. from Lesley College (1991). She maintains her Maine certification with regular professional development activities. She has

been homeschooling her own children from birth into middle school. She has been an educational consultant for 15 years, working in both homes and businesses.

Inside The Eddy, schooling space is divided into four sections, entrance way, student desks, teacher's alcove and toilets. The building is heated by a Renai monitor heater. The walls are Earth Plaster, a breathable, negative ion-emitting natural substance. Although the building is a remodeled tourist cabin, it appears to be brand new in all respects. Entering the classroom space from a front porch takes away all the visual impressions of a typical school entrance - no hint of it being a public building.

Mrs. Webster had this to say about her new school: "Students attending The Eddy will work independently in various subject areas, meeting in small groups for activities such as math simulations, history projects, literature discussions, science experiments, and fine arts education. I will be the facilitator. I will work one-on-one with all children as needed throughout the day: to explain a concept with more detail, engage the child in more practice, provide the opportunity for guided correction, or challenge a student beyond a comfort level."

In general, students will not be treated as vessels into which information is poured, but as intelligent, creative beings eager to express new questions and ideas. "Why?" and "How?" will be as common here as in a three-year-old's vocabulary. The student, your child, is home schooled away from home. Mrs. Webster will provide the main curricular pieces of the academic year, and parents are responsible for providing regular parts of their child's education as well.

Mrs. Webster's learning pro-

gram combines four cornerstones of proven educational theory and practice: classical education, home schooling based on Charlotte Mason's proven methodology, critical thinking and individualized instruction.

Back to the future: although different in many ways, Mrs. Webster's new school reflects the olden days of Newry schooling when the town ran six district schools situated to accommodate its widespread clusters of families.

Rick Whitney stars in SunJournal video

In last Saturday's online SunJournal, Rick Whitney turned in a stellar performance explaining how Maine Line Products had created a market for Wedgies. If you missed the show, it was produced in Maine Line Products' workshop at the Locke Mills store. I thought that Rick did very well both in speaking and demonstrating how he had turned what amounted to waste wood into a marketable item. You can order an Official Maine Wedgie from the Maine Line Products Website. This unique piece of Maine may make your day: "Why wouldn't you want a wedgie? With an official Maine wedgie you can prop something up, hold a door open, trace a triangle and so much more ... just use your imagination! Be sure to give someone a wedgie today!"

CPS begins its 60th year

When Crescent Park School opened in 1951 it had not been named. Ron Willard wrote that he was a Seventh Grade student in Olive Lurvey's class that year; the next year he had Charlie Chapman for his Eighth Grade teacher. Bethel's new school was built to replace the 1894 brick Bethel Grammar School which stood where the McLaughlin Sci-

Request for Bids

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen is currently seeking bids for a (3) three-year winter maintenance agreement for the following roads or sections of roads;

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(New this year)

2. Approximately 1300' of the Granite Ledge Road, from the Concord Pond Road to the new Tower Road, so called.

3. Approximately 8/10th of a mile of the Milton Road from the Woodstock/Milton line to the Farnum Road, and the Farnum Road from the Graham/Nelson residence to the Russell residence.

4. Approximately 1 mile of Redding Road from the Sumner-Woodstock Town line to Fire Lane 1009 which is at the intersection of the road going toward the back side of Shagg Pond.

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ence building stands today on the Gould campus. Donald Christie was Superintendent of Schools.

Some possibly interesting facts: It took 46 meetings of the building committee to complete its work and turn over its plans to the Bethel Selectmen. Not long after the new school was in use, the need for additional rooms became apparent. Name for the new school, Crescent Park School, was suggested by Mrs. Pearl Tibbets at a meeting in January 1952. She also noted that the Crescent Park name came from the baseball uniforms of a ball club that had played on the same grounds circa 1880. The uniforms were gray with a red new moon symbol on both front and back.

The Crescent Park School we see today is the result of major expansion done during the 1993-1994 school year. That year classes (289 students) met in portable classrooms (dubbed "The Village") at the Telstar complex.

We know that in the last thirty years the superintendent's office has been on the move occasionally. Guess where the superintendent's office was in 1964 - at Crescent Park School. That year the superintendent oversaw School Union 22, which included the schools of Bethel, Newry, Gilead, Upton, Greenwood and West Paris.

Wood pellet heating

Part II

If you burn wood now, two big factors are (1) getting wood from your wood pile or shed to your wood box and then (2) tossing wood into

the boiler from your wood box. If your present wood set up is like ours, it is definitely not automatic. (If you burn oil now, the main problem is cost.)

Based on last week's wood pellet article, if you accept the reliability and effortlessness of operating a wood pellet boiler then the remaining problem is how does using pellets make the old jobs of splitting, stacking and storing effortless? Wood pellets are delivered much the same way as heating oil is delivered. Pellets are stored in your house in what amounts to a big bag on legs or in some cases in a metal silo outdoors.

In our house, pellet storage would be in a "big (3 and 1/2 tons of pellets, 420 gallons of oil) bag" that looks like a gray canvas pouch suspended from a frame held up by four posts - either wood or metal - and placed in the basement near the boiler. The storage bag is designed to prevent damage to pellets and keep them dry.

Pellets are fed to the boiler by either an auger pushing them through a tube from the "bag" or by vacuum through a flexible hose arrangement. Oil pump, pipe line and oil tank for an oil burner equals vacuum, hose and the "bag" for a wood pellet boiler. Both systems are entirely automatic - turn on and forget.

Delivery method: pellet truck compared to oil truck. Maine Energy Systems pellet delivery by truck again is similar to an oil delivery. The MESys delivery truck carries pellets in a special tank made in Brewer for low air pressure delivery though a large "hose" to the user's "bag" so that it takes about 10 minutes to deliver 3 and 1/2 tons of pellets. If your "bag" is located on the opposite side of your house from the driveway, the pellet delivery truck has a hose that is 100 feet long - long enough to reach the "bag's" intake connection.

When delivery is complete, the truck's on-board load weight scale computes the weight of pellets delivered and prints a delivery invoice sim-



THE EDDY OPENS—The first day of classes at the new private Middle School at Newry Corner, The Eddy, began with a group photo opportunity for parents, friends and family. Deb Webster is the school's teacher and administrator. The school will be teaching seven students in grades 5 through 8. (Photo: D. Bennett)

ilar to an oil delivery. Truck scales are checked annually by the State.

Big hotel needed in Bethel

— Advertiser Bethel News

Oct. 30, 1896

RE: Last week's Citizen report of wind/tree damage to the Zicarelli house on Mason Street. In its first life the building was known as Chandler's Alpine House. An Oct. 30, 1896 news column in the Oxford County Advertiser had this to say, "Our town would like to see a big summer resort added to our three hotels, the Bethel House, Elms and Alpine. We now have three hotels and nine fine summer boarding houses, which are crowded full of guests through the summer. More hotels and boarding houses will be more (of an) attraction for the city company. (So in 1896, the Alpine House was ranked by the public as a hotel.)

More About trapping

Last week's news about old-time trapping did not include Carrie Wight's 1955 History of Newry. Her history took a brief look at Hunting, Trapping and Fishing. "Some animals provided meat for the tables and the trappers of bear, fox, beaver and mink found a good market in the fur industry. Trapping was quite a profitable occupation."

Ms. Wight continued, "Fishing supplied the table with the ever popular brook trout - a basket of seventy-five or more trout was considered a fair

catch for a few hours of fishing."

"There were a few men who made a real business of trapping bear. Among them were, Jonathan Bennett, Bartlett Knapp, Horatio Wight, George Emery and Samuel Eames, on Bear River. W. Robert Moore, a new resident in Newry since 1951, is a successful guide in hunting, fishing and trapping. Lewis Eames was the bear trapper on Sunday River and in these days, Martin Jackson is a successful trapper. (In the early 1950s I remember a number of times when Mr. Moore stopped to show me a bear in the back of his pickup that he had just trapped - I believe the same family operated a restaurant in West Bethel for a while. The Moores had moved here from New Jersey.)

Carrie Wight notes too that it was largely due to the slaughtering of sheep by bear that the farmers stopped raising sheep. Maine paid a bounty for each bear killed.

Tanning was a Sunday River industry for a while. Fred Atherton (who died in 1901) operated a tannery located on the bank of Barker/Riley Brook in the Sunday River side of Newry. It is possible, in fact quite likely, that local trappers could have brought pelts to Atherton to be tanned so that pelts could be turned into fur clothing but there is no mention of this happening in the Newry histories. Owners following the Athertons

did not run the tannery. The building stood unused until the 1930s when Earl Williamson used some of the boards to build a shed.

From Nancy Brown:

The Bethel Area CROP Hunger Walk 2011 will take place on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 12:30 p.m. The walk begins at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street. The CROP Hunger Walk, which is sponsored by Church World Service, is being organized in more than 1,600 communities across the country this year. It is an interfaith hunger education and fundraising event that helps provide food, water, and other resources to people across the world. The Bethel group will donate 25 percent of money raised to the Bethel Food Pantry.

Walkers can raise money by taking pledges or donations. If you can't walk, you can do other support work. Please consider participating in the CROP Hunger Walk. You can sign up in advance or on the day of the walk. For more information, please call Mary Stryker at 824-2379.

Many local farms sustained damage from tropical storm Irene on Aug. 28. However, farm stands are still open and local apple orchards have opened with both pick-your-own and pre-picked fruit available.

Katie and Hannah Matczak of Bellingham, Mass., picked apples at Gibson Orchards on Sunday, Sept. 4. They were joined by their parents, Andy Matczak and Karen Davis of Bellingham, Laurie Hickey of Shelburne, N.H., and Musa Brown and Nancy Brown of Bethel. Katie and Hannah spent the weekend visiting their grandparents, Laurie and Bob Hickey, in Shelburne. If you have news you'd like to share, please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I do hope that everyone had a great Labor Day weekend and would love to hear about it. I find it amazing how, despite the warm temperatures

the leaves seem to be changing at a fast pace. We noticed a bee's nest up in one of our trees. According to the Farmer's Almanac it is an indication that there will be a lot of snow the coming winter. Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink with your thoughts and comments about this statement and naturally also with news.

The Alder River Grange had their regular meeting on Aug. 26 with seven members attending. After lengthy discussion it was voted to have the annual Turkey Supper for the Community Service Project, and supper will be free for all Veterans. More details will be forthcoming about the exact date in November.

I would like to remind you all about the Service at 2 p.m. at the East Bethel Church on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Now on to the Trivia question about how Pebley Mountain got its name. After extensive research between another reader and myself we came up with the following: In Milton lived the Peverly family who are related to the Stowell family. Peverly Hill was named after this family and at some point became known as Pebley Mountain after it was named as such in a US Geological Survey. We are not quite sure if this is correct and it has been difficult to verify the information with the person who posed the question as he is on a European Tour. I will keep you posted.

Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Sympathy is extended to the family of David Chaisson who passed away on Sept. 2. A

Celebration of His Life will be held on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church.

On Saturday I had a most enjoyable time with the Upton Historical Society on a trip into Forest Lodge, the former home of Louise Dickinson Rich, author of "We Took To The Woods." The Upton La-

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dies Aid had prepared a very nice box lunch and we toured the winter house, summer house, and grounds. Prior to going down to Forest Lodge we visited Middle Dam. I hadn't been in to Rapid River for a number of years and was glad to see that things are still much the same. It's nice to think there's a place that progress has forgotten. There are still signs to the Alligator, Pond in the River and Lower Dam and although I didn't see the one that says "Smooth Ledge, I'm sure it's still there. Thanks to Aldro French and crew and Steve Wight for the great hospitality."

The East B Hill Road was badly washed as a result of Irene and since I find it necessary to go to Upton, it's a challenge in some places to stay in the middle of the road and not find yourself in some of the three- or four-foot deep gullies. This road is a lot more traveled than some people realize, and although there are probably other areas in just as bad shape, it would be nice to think it could be back up to snuff soon.

Since I was out of town most of the week, my news is limited.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The damage from the hurricane in Gilead was not as bad as some places. A week later and there were some areas still without power.

Hugh and I decided to take a ride up Route 113 to take a look at the swinging bridge. We could see that the Wild River really lived up to its name when we got to where the bridge was. We could see where the water had come up over the steep banks and swept the bridge away. The cables that were buried in the ground held on as long as they could, but the force of the water and the big trees that caught on the bridge was just too much. Parts of the bridge can be seen in the river with the cables attached to the abutments. A sad sight and whether or not it will be replaced for the second time, I have not heard.

While I was there, I felt like I was at a historic monument that had sustained damage. There were several people who were stopping by to see what had happened

to "their" bridge. Most comments centered on how they enjoyed camping and hiking in the area and the bridge was always a "must see" spot in their travels. They all expressed concern about replacing it.

My brother, Steve McLain, said that he had worked on the original bridge when it was built and also on the one that was just swept away.

Lise McLain went to Ledgewood to pick up her father, Gerard Dupont, the other day. She took him to his doctor's appointment in Berlin, N.H.

Lewis and Earlene Clough from Kennebunkport stopped by Steve and Lise McLain's for a short visit last Sunday.

Hugh and I attended the memorial service for his sister, Mary Lou Berry, this past Wednesday. It was a sad occasion, but we got to visit with some old friends and family members. Time passes so quickly and a gathering like this makes you realize that we need to keep in touch more with those that we care about.

Gilead Historical Society

Hugh and I had to make a trip to Portland last week. When we are down there, we usually try to visit with a few people. This time we went to Ford Reiche's home in Cumberland. Howard and Stevie Reiche and Bob and Judy Bishop were also there.

We had lunch at Ford's and then got a tour of the barn that he moved from his property on the North Road in Gilead. It has been fully restored and looks beautiful. The barn looks like the original, but there is one difference. In order to store his boat, he had a larger front door installed beside the original barn door. It works on hydraulics and when the door closes, it is completely unnoticeable. There is a television commercial for the company that did the work. It shows the boat being put into the barn and the door closing so it looks like part of the front of the barn. Anyone entering the barn when the large door is closed is amazed how the boat got in there through such small barn doors! Ford just tells them that he built the boat in there and can't get it out!

After lunch, we headed for Bob and Judy's in Yarmouth. We did a lot of traveling and got a lot done. While we were having lunch, we came up with some good ideas for the future of the train station and the schoolhouse.

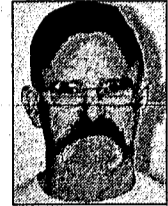
It is with great sadness that I have to mention that Sandra Laughy passed away this

past Monday. She grew up in Gilead and just returned a few years ago after spending several years living in New Hampshire. She was a great supporter of the Gilead Historical Society and will be missed. Condolences go out to her family.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton selectmen met Friday, Sept. 2. Approximately 15 people gathered outside expecting to attend the meeting to discuss the revaluation of their properties. First selectman Robert Brown explained to them that although they had a legal right to attend, the meeting was a work meeting and the floor would not be open to the public. The purpose of the meeting was to calculate the mill rate for the year in order to pay the budget approved at the Town Meeting last March. The next regular meeting will be Sept. 16.

The next scheduled meeting for the planning board is Friday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 at the town office; 6:30 to 7 is workshop and starting at 7 the board will review building applications.

The secretary for Upton Ladies Aid Association sent the following schedule to pass on: Oct. 29, Hunters Breakfast at the Ladies Aid Building, coffee on by 12:30 a.m. for the early risers, breakfast will be buffet style. Nov. 12, Hunters Supper at the Ladies Aid Building at 6 p.m. The supper will be pot roast. Dec. 3, Upton Christmas party, 6 p.m. at the Upton School Building.

The tour of Louise Dickinson Rich's homes was a success. No rain and the lunch was very good. Aldro French and Steve Wight did a great job as guides. Harry, the dam-keeper at Middle Dam, let us look into the gate house and answered all our questions. Stepping into the Winter House was a step back in time. As much as practical and possible it remains the same as it was when she lived and worked there. After lunch, we sat on and around the porch and listened to stories told by Aldro, Steve, Ernest and Avery. It seems that fishing tales sooner or later always include Buster. We briefly visited Ray and Marie. They also shared some stories and history of Rapid River and the area with us. Thank you to

everyone who helped with the tour and special thank you to all the people that attended.

The Upton Historical Society will have their next meeting Sunday, Sept. 25, 1 p.m. at the school.

Please contact me with your news at backstjoe@gmail.com or call 533-2010.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Monday the Town Office was closed in observance of Labor Day.

That was pretty much expected. The Town Office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday this week so that the office staff may attend State mandated training in Augusta.

The flood waters have receded to more normal levels and just about everyone who lost power in Hurricane Irene got it back along the middle of last week. One mystery remains. What are the white objects floating with regularity down the Androscoggin River? An investigation is underway.

A downed electrical line caused a grass fire along Route 2 near Stony Brook last week. After Central Maine Power cut off the power the crew from the Rumford Point Substation put out the fire. Then CMP turned the power back on causing the smoke detectors at Chamberlain Resort to activate. More fire department equipment arrived to check out the sounding alarms.

Huge windmill parts are being moved to construction sites on trucks so large they need escort warning vehicles plus two State Police cars per truck. At first they traveled east to west but recently they have been going on Route 2 from west to east. Eastbound convoys are believed to be going to the Record Hill Project in Roxbury.

Laird and Cory Bean have moved into the apartment at the Town Office. We welcome them to the neighborhood.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Happy September! Where has the time gone? Seems as though we were just planting gardens and now we're harvesting them. Hopefully those of you affected by Irene have been able to clean up any

damage caused by "her" visit. Here in Newry the rain came down in buckets! The wind only picked up briefly in the early morning hours on Monday, while most of us were still sleeping. A few trees and branches scattered the ground, but the biggest visual effect lay in the wake of the raging brooks and rivers.

Grafton Notch Campground suffered horrendous losses. The river jumped its bed, shifted its course and surged straight on through from site 1 to site 14. Campers had all packed up and gone home, but the picnic tables and fire grates had to be evacuated to higher ground. Luckily Irene passed one week before Labor Day leaving just barely enough time to restore each site into camping order. A couple of campers graciously waited for the finishing touches to be completed before they could unpack, but a full house over the weekend was reward enough for all of the hard work that went into reclaiming the campground from the aftermath of the storm.

Down to Bear River Trading Post only the pigs had to be evacuated to the safety of a trailer on higher ground. After much of the swollen river had receded, happy egg-laying hens seemed to rather enjoy the brief wading pool that was their field. One hen cautiously made her way through the deeper water to her favorite nesting spot, somewhere within the bonfire pile. She could be seen wandering on the pile for just a few moments before disappearing inside. Deb and Doug told of the eddy of water that formed while the water level was at its highest.

The flood waters engulfed their field and did just that, forming an eddy at the Eddy, the new school that Deb opened on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Right on time despite the recent flux of weather that has been dished out.

Enjoy your week! Contact me with your news at seabear@gmail.com or 824-0836.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is September, the end of what we tend to call summer and the unofficial start of fall. So far, September has been very hot and muggy. That is OK. We can handle it. Soon it will cool down. Already it cools

down almost every night. Tasha even comes inside some nights. She likes to be inside in the heat of the day, but outside when it is very muggy here. Yesterday, much to my surprise, she actually went into her old dog house — the Tashamajal. She hasn't been in it since we built the porch. It was good to see that she could go in it. It provides her with a view of the driveway and lets her know when someone is coming. That was important to her. Now she just sleeps through it. That is all right. She deserves it at her age. We are waiting to see if she will pick the corn off the cob this year. She did last year when we left it — it never grew to edible size. We shall see this year. The corn and our broccoli have been in desperate need of rain. Perhaps this week's rain will make the difference.

As I lie hear and listen to the rain fall on the tin roof, I envision all my plants saying "Thank You, we need that!" I know we did. It is a great relief from the hot, dry days and a good ending to summer weather.

This being the second week in September, not that much is happening. Sept. 8, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It will be a step meeting. We are starting Step 9. FMI call 739-9115.

Thursday is also the start of another Session of Bones for Life. It will be at Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Building — 193 Main Street, Norway. Cost is \$60 and scholarships are available. FMI call 866-609-5183.

Sept. 14 the Bethel Senior Citizens Club will have a meeting/luncheon at 10 a.m. at the Funky Red Barn (\$10). Choices for a meal at Prime Rib or Haddock. Robert Goldman will speak on Medicare Health Plans. Reservations are necessary. Call Caroline Gould at 824-3226. The Aging Well Living Expo will be held at Sunday River Grand Summit Hotel on Sept 14 at 8:15 a.m. Fee is \$20, call Caroline Gould at (800) 427-5183.

Thursday, Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Walking for the Health of It, sponsored by the Maine Health Resource Hospital of Stephens Memorial Hospital. It begins on the Riverside Trail at Oxford Hills Middle School at 100 Pine Street, South Paris. FMI call 866-609-5183.

That will be all for this week. Stay safe/stay healthy and be alert.

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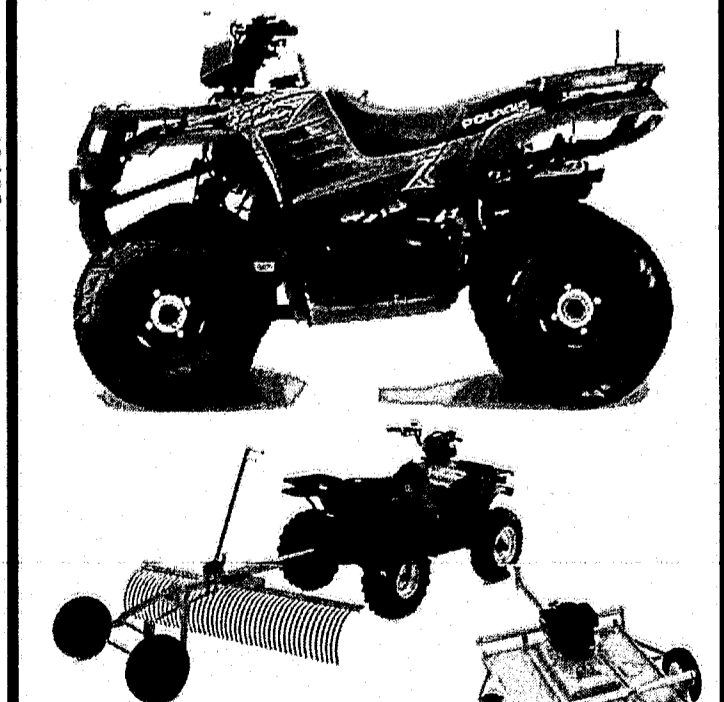
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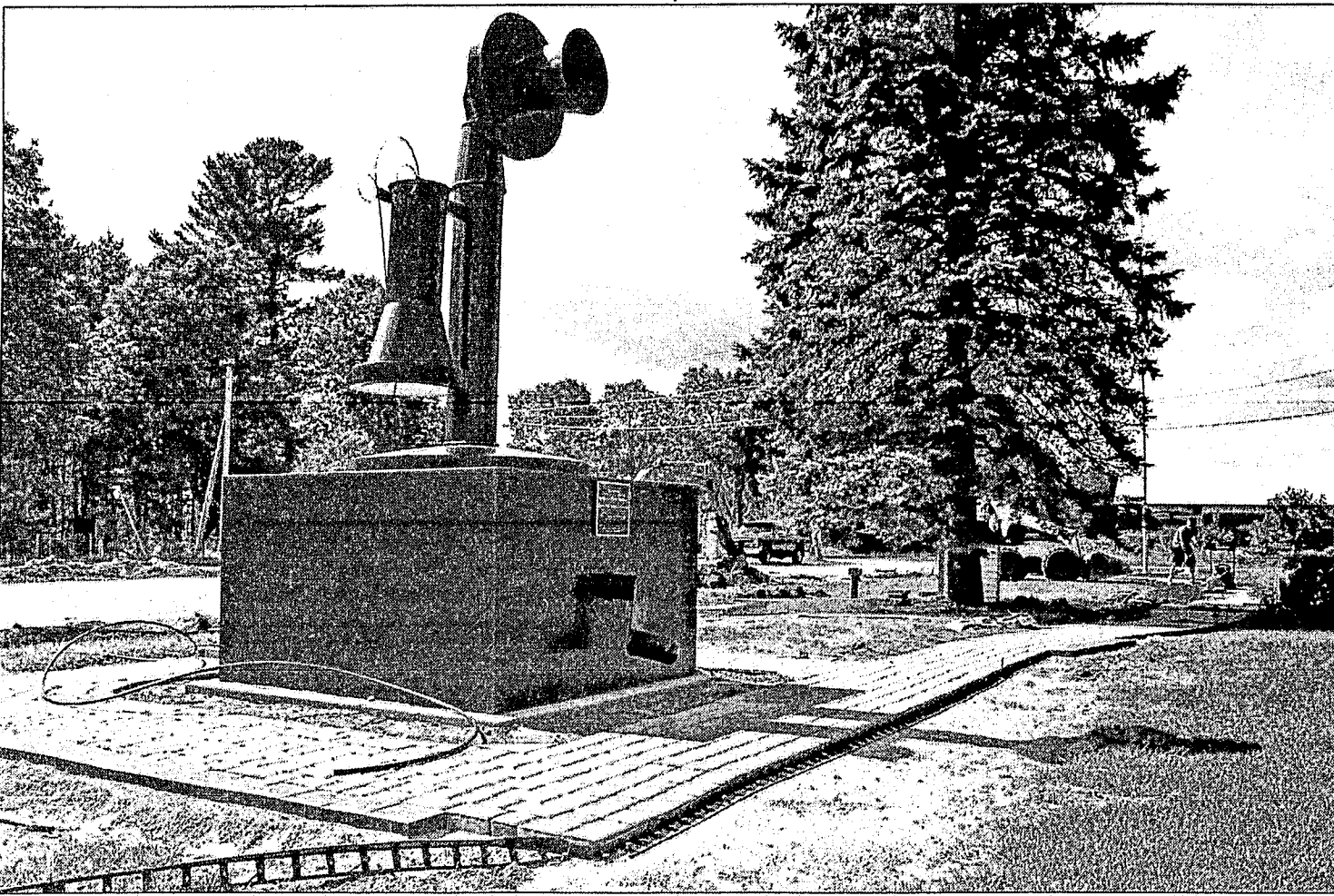
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REMEMBRANCE PARK
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(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Whitman Memorial Library's program for this month is Thursday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m. at the library. Julie Daye is guest speaker telling how and showing her pine needle weaving. Public welcome, no charge, light refreshments. Mark your calendar for an evening of Blue Grass on Sept. 24 at the Franklin Grange Hall at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go to repairs of the Grange Hall. Show includes the Hemingway Blue Grass band starring Kip and Dale Hemingway, and also the Thursday Night Pickers featuring Becky Law. Refreshments will be on sale at in-

termission. Come support the Grange.

Ladies, the next Ladies Breakfast will be a brunch. It will be held at Yarmouth Homewood Circle Community Room on Saturday, Sept. 17. Bring a food dish to share, or a drink or dessert. Meet at the Baptist Church parking lot to carpool, leaving Bryant Pond at 8 a.m. Enjoy the ocean while you are there.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet at the Grange Hall on Monday, Sept. 12 for a cookout, meeting and flag retiring ceremony. Cookout at 6 p.m. Please bring salad, drink or dessert. Hamburg and hot dogs will be provided. Tents 8 and 19 have been invited to join us.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening

at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. On Sunday, Sept. 11 Matt Jones will be candidating for Pastor.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, Sept. 1. A delicious dinner was served and then music was enjoyed, played by "Justustwo" - Jo Plummer and Bob Gauthier. Next meeting is dinner out at the Village Inn in Auburn on Oct. 6.

Historical Society
The Historical Society hopes you will join in its endeavors this year. You can both make history and preserve it with our organization. Your contributions of ideas, time and support will certainly be valued. During the summer months you can watch the museum, and you could serve on a committee or even hold an office throughout the year.

You can help your community and also the area through the society. Meetings are the second Saturday of each month.

Locke Mills

By LORRAINE LARSON



I think the only way to get this column done on time is to do it right after the paper comes on Thursday and then the time would not slip away so fast. This week really sped by but part of it, I think, was because I did not get the power back before late Monday so it seemed like a very short week. But, all in all, I guess we had about the least problems with Hurricane Irene than anyone. Ralph said he was glad he was in Maine and not in Vermont where he spent so much of his adult life. He had not been able to contact all his friends there but he hoped that no news was good news on that score.

I managed to get back to church on Wednesday, but on Friday Gerry Shim took me to Bethel shopping and I was on my feet so much my

knees have complained ever since and I haven't been able to walk much. I don't really know just what to do about them. It would help to be able to get into therapy but I just don't have the transportation to do it.

I am hoping this diet I am on will help get some of the weight off me, but it is slow where I can't be on my feet much to get the exercise I need. Let that be a lesson to the younger folk, I guess, to work at staying fit while you don't have so many Catch 22 problems to contend with.

Children who wiggle a lot seem to stay thinner than their more quieter counterparts so I try to wiggle some but it seems to be foreign to our older natures, at least to mine.

One thing I did do before the hurricane came sailing in was get to the birthday bash held at the Grange Hall in Bryant Pond on Saturday for Laura Hutchins who was celebrating her 80th. There was lots of good food and good fellowship and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Lorene Mills, with the help of her brother and wife, Greg and Fran Adams, planned and hosted it. At least Ralph and Lorene's van held together until after it was over but now has a glitch in the transmission so they are without transportation at the moment, again. One thing I was pleased about this month is that I made the last payment on my mortgage. I think it proba-

bly is just in time because it doesn't sound as if we will get much help with the heating bills this winter. Whenever a hole appears there is always something waiting to fill it. But when I get the paperwork I shall have to have a mortgage burning ceremony. I certainly have waited long enough and with all the foreclosures that have happened recently I am very grateful to see the last of it.

I was pleased to get a visit from Priscilla Belanger right after the hurricane was over. She was just checking on her clients to make sure they were safe. She is someone the nurse, who was assigned to me right after I left the hospital, got in touch with when she had made all her visits.

She said that way I would have someone for the long term. It is nice to know there is someone who has one's welfare in mind. The health organization is certainly right there these days to look out for one. It also keeps me on my toes (and my diet) to make sure I am doing the things I should.

Have people around here noticed the big blue heron that has spent the summer in the vicinity? We have had some smaller ones every summer but this one is very large. Callie says she thinks he has even been visiting over in the Irish Neighborhood of West Greenwood. Maybe the hurricane blew him over the mountain!

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By **KEN MCINTOSH**
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These

coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at Record Highs. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If you're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

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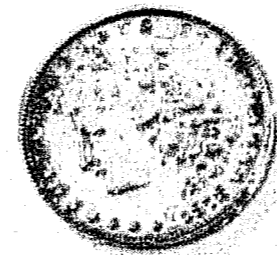
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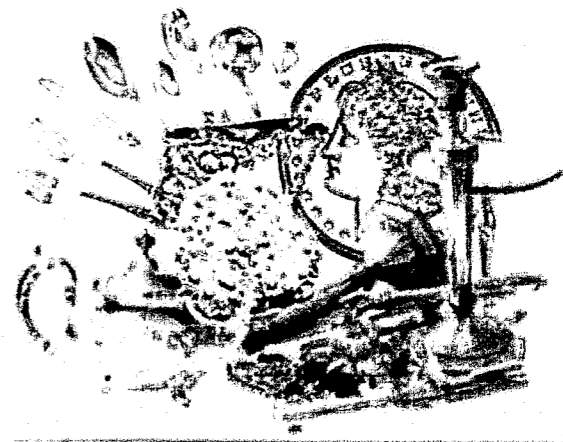
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Veterans Monument group holds first meeting

The Bethel Area Veterans Monument Committee held its first organizational meeting on Aug. 24, 2011. Committee chairman Richard Grover outlined a plan to establish five or six subcommittees. The idea is to have small groups, each focused on a specific task, rather than a single large group which would likely get bogged down with discussions going in different directions at the same time. Initially, the subcommittees will focus on: (1) Site Selection, (2) Monument Design, (3) choosing names to be honored, (4) Publicity, (5) Fund Raising, and perhaps (6) Implementation. Grover plans to have periodic meetings of the overall monument committee to coordinate between subcommittees whose tasks are all inter-dependent.

Ten people attending the organizational meeting decided that site selection should be the initial focus, since all other tasks will be affected by the location of the monument.

Jarrold Crockett, Bob Laux and Stan Howe each agreed to serve on the Site Selection Subcommittee.

This proved to be fortunate because each of these three gentlemen had different ideas about what should be driving factors. They met on Aug. 30 and discussed six or seven locations around town that would be feasible. They then agreed that the monument should be centrally located where it would be a focal point for patriotic celebrations such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. They then agreed to focus on three locations that they believe

to be most acceptable to the most people in town. Their efforts over the next two or three weeks will be on learning more about the willingness of landowners to either sell or grant easements for a veterans monument and whether cost or other factors may rule out any or all of the favored spots. Hence, this subcommittee is not yet ready to identify the locations under consideration.

Ramona Grover has agreed to serve on the "names" subcommittee because she is intimately familiar with the names and locations of all the veterans' graves in many area cemeteries, since she placed flags on these graves before Memorial Day for many years. However, we need additional volunteers to help establish criteria for choosing whose names are to be honored. For example, do we include the names of veterans from surrounding townships who went to Bethel schools, those born here, those who moved here from elsewhere, or those who might not have resided here but are now buried in local cemeteries?

Alison Aloisio has agreed to help with publicity, and Laurie Wiacek will work on fund raising. I have discussed monument design with a couple individuals, and the idea of selling bricks imprinted with veterans' names as possible fundraisers have also been proposed. The fact remains that we need a few more people to come forward with either ideas or willingness to help on all the above mentioned subcommittees.

Grover plans to introduce for consideration his initial thoughts about whose names should be included on the monument at the next meeting of Legion Post 81 on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, at the Legion Hall on Vernon Street. Anyone interested is encouraged to join us for potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. (bring something) and to attend the meeting and discussion following supper.



Bluegrass coming to Franklin Grange 124

On Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. Franklin Grange will host an evening of bluegrass music. Entertainment will be by the Hemingway Bluegrass Band, featuring Kip and Dale Hemingway and others. Joining them will be the Thursday Night Pickers featuring Becky Law and other members of the band. The Hemingway brothers and Becky have been outstanding performers on the "Mock" Hee-Haw Show for Franklin Grange several times.

These two bands are performing to help Franklin Grange raise additional funds to complete some work needed at the Grange Hall. We had the foundation on the back of the hall redone and leveled, in addition to having a new porch with new support posts and new underpinning built last fall. The support posts have been painted but the new porch needs painting before winter. It is our hope to get in two restrooms which will be handicap accessible. There are many other "face-lifting" projects in the planning, if we can accrue enough funds to pursue them.

Franklin Grange meets the first and third Mondays of the month, except January and February. If you would like to know more about the Grange

WHITE MOUNTAIN CLUB EXHIBIT AT BHS

The exhibit "The White Mountain Club of Portland: Exploration and Adventure in the 'Crystal Hills' 1873-1884" is now open at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House. The club was the second mountaineering organization in North America, pre-dating the Appalachian Mountain Club by three years. According to BHS, as the first hiking club devoted solely to exploring the highlands of northern New Hampshire and western Maine, the WMC is recognized today for calculating numerous mountain heights, creating profiles/panoramas of mountains and mountain ranges (many of which were incorporated into state geologic surveys and the first true hiking guides), and laying out some of the earliest hiking trails in the White Mountains. Among accomplishments of the group was the first recorded exploration of Mahoosuc Notch. Preserved for many years at the Portland Society of Natural History, and rescued by the late Charles B. Fobes when that organization's museum was dismantled in 1971-72, the majority of the surviving records of the club were eventually acquired by White Mountain authors and enthusiasts Peter and June Hammond Rowan of Randolph, N.H., and donated to the Bethel Historical Society in 1999. Shown here is an illustration of a "trapper's outfit" from the 1877 book, "How to Camp Out," by club member John Mead Gould.

come join use. We are a fraternal organization, initially dedicated to the betterment of the farmer's lot, thus agriculture still plays an important part. In order to keep up with the changing times we attempt to be more community oriented and choose projects that will be beneficial to the community. This spring we bought student planners and plastic folders for the students at Woodstock Elementary School. We also presented their own dictionaries to the third-grade students at Woodstock Elementary School, as well as Forestdale School. In the past we have had fair exhibits. Due to the increased age of our members, and lack of agility, we can no longer do the necessary climbing required to put up an exhibit. We still have

fun programs, some of which are open house programs, open to the public to enjoy. We host luncheons, suppers, etc., when requested. The hall is also used by the Daughters of Union Veterans, for baby showers, birthday parties, etc. Also, for the past ten years we have presented the above-mentioned Mock Hee-Haw Show twice a year, featuring "Minnie Pearl" and the whole gang, with door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. If you have missed that, come listen to these Bluegrass Bands for a taste of the fun we have.

BHS annual meeting

A 6:30 p.m. potluck supper in the exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House will precede the Bethel Historical Society's 2011 Annual Meeting, scheduled for this Thursday, Sept. 8. An important part of the business portion of the meeting (which begins at 7:30) will be the election of officers and new trustees. The meeting will conclude with an update on the important work underway to re-catalog the society's extensive museum, library and archival holdings in digital form so that large portions of it can be made available online. Several important additions to the society's collection since the last Annual Meeting will also be displayed. The meeting is open to anyone interested, although only Historical Society members may vote for board members.

Upcoming BHS events Sept. 17, in connection with Harvest Fest
Church and Meetinghouse tour: This self-guided tour of a number of local churches and meetinghouses will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets, at \$10/person, will be available at the society's Robinson House (10 Broad Street) beginning at 9 a.m. A map containing

Community Calendar

Bethel Farmers Market open Saturdays through Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine at Norway Savings Bank. FMI: 890-6859 or bethelfarmersmarket.com.

Every Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Group Road Ride**, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Every Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - **Mountain bike ride**, Meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Open to all riders.

Every Saturday

11:30 a.m. - **Guided One-Hour Walking Tour** of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Thru Oct. 6

"Traveling Across America: Artist Barbara Traficonte," Lajos Matolcsy Art Gallery, 480 Main Street, Norway. FMI: 739-6161 or www.theWMAG.org. Free and open to public.

Thursday, Sept. 8

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, program: Pine Needle Weaving by Julie Daye. Free. Open to public. Light refreshments.

5:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Adults \$7/12 and under \$4. Doors open 5 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society Annual Meeting**. Potluck supper 6:30 p.m. - bring salad, hot dish or dessert. FMI: 824-2908 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

Thursdays, Sept. 8 thru Oct. 13

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Outsmarting Osteoporosis: Bones for Life** program at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Cost: \$60 for course; scholarships available. FMI/Registration (required): 866-609-5183.

Friday, Sept. 9

Board Development Workshops sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council and Maine Arts Commission and funded by National Endowment for the Arts at Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Free. Space limited. FMI/registration: 824-3575 or http://mainearts.maine.gov/services_outreach.aspx.

7 p.m. - **Tales of Friendship**, Brick Church for Performing Arts, Christian Hill Road, Lovell. Cost: \$10 adults/\$5 adult accompanied by child/\$3 under 12. Refreshments. FMI: 925-2792 or www.lovellbrickchurch.org.

7:30 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents The Heather Masse Band with special guest Ben Hammond. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 seniors/\$10 students. FMI/tickets: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Sept. 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

7:30 Fri./Sat. 2 Sun. - "Unnecessary Farce" premiers Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish. Tickets: \$10 students and seniors, \$12 adults. FMI or reservations: 642-3743 or www.schoolhousearts.org.

Saturday, Sept. 10

2011 AutoNorth Golf Tournament, Androscoggin Valley Country Club, Gorham, N.H. FMI: (603) 723-9658, ernie@autonorth.net or www.autonorth.net.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Blueberry and Bulbs Fest** at McLaughlin Garden, 97 Main Street, South Paris. Family-oriented festival. Activities, bake sales. FMI: 743-8820.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Auditions** for "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road (Route 114), Standish. Show date: Nov. 18-Dec. 11. FMI: 642-3743 or www.schoolhousearts.org.

2 p.m. - **Bean Hole Bean Supper**, to benefit Fight Against Local Hunger, at Rumford Information Center, Route 2, hosted by UMaine Cooperative Extension. Cost: \$10 adults/\$6 seniors

60-plus, children under 14. Pints available to go. Orders for mill employees call 357-7663. FMI or tickets: Sandy Witas (364-7408) or Barbara Murphy (743-6329).

7 to 10 p.m. - **Singin' Bears** square dance, Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Door prizes, 50/50, refreshments. \$4, observers free. FMI: 782-4050.

Saturdays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** dance, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, Sept. 11

2 p.m. - **East Bethel Church** annual service with the Rev. Virginia Rickerman officiating. Everyone welcome.

2 p.m. - **Waterford World's Fair Annual Meeting** at fairgrounds (across from Melby's Market), North Waterford. FMI: President Dana Hemingway 595-2430.

Monday, Sept. 12

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Prostate Screening (free)** at Rumford Hospital for men over 40, especially those with no primary care provider. FMI: 369-2243 or e-mail jhubar@th.cmhc.org

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Western Maine Senior Citizens** annual meeting, West Parish Congregational Church. Theme: "Camping and Picnicking." Creative Writing group display "Collected Prose and Poetry (\$10); members will autograph.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** meeting Waterford Library. Forums to discuss current topics and ideas. Topic: "Could Community Service Help Solve Maine's Problems." Ed Somers facilitator. FMI: 583-6957, e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Tuesday, Sept. 13

6 p.m. - **Informational meeting on trip** to England, Ireland and Wales June 2012 at Telstar. Itinerary at www.eftours.com/preview-tour. Tour is 1079878. FMI: Merrie Lee Ojeda (824-2136 /ext 212) or home: 824-2667.

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance** American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. Doors open 4 p.m. Supper by Auxiliary, adults \$10, children \$3. Music by Jones Band.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

11 a.m. - **Northern New England Rally for Rail** conference at Bethel Inn Resort. Fee: \$25 p/p includes lunch. FMI or registration: 824-2282 (BACC) or www.facebook.com/BACofC. Transportation. Committee/sk=app_2081951022528120

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/luncheon (choice prime rib or haddock) Funky Red Barn (\$10). Robert Goldman speaks on Medicare health plans. Reservations before 12 noon on Sept. 7 to Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Aging Well Living Well Expo will be Friday, Sept. 30, at Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Registration 8:15 a.m. with breakfast, raffles and exhibits. Fee: \$20; if interested call 1-800-427-1241 before Sept. 23. Caroline Gould has few registration forms.

Thursday, Sept. 15 thru Oct. 20

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Walking for the Health of It**, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Begins The Riverside Trail, Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Free. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. FMI/registration (required): 866-609-5183.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17

Upper Andro Two Fly Contest and Northeast Drift Boat Championship. Contest rules and registration form available online www.upperandro.com or call 824-3694.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 16-18

Grassroots Organizing Workshops at Bryant Pond 4-H Camp. Learn new tactics for social change work: "A Wonderful Experience!" FMI: Jacqui Deveneau 284-3358, jacqui050@yahoo.com or Nathan Brimmer 415-4458 or iggy19riseup.net or visit http://resourcesfororganizing.org/project/grow-new-england.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Harvest Fest and Chowdah Cook-off, sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce (824-2282) and presented by Lay's.

Apple pie competition. Complete schedule available at www.bethelharvestfest.com FMI: 824-2282.

10 to 12 a.m. - **Lowering Your Cholesterol** at Hannaford (1603 Main Street, Oxford), sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free. FMI/registration (required): 866-609-5183.

9 to 11 a.m. - **Rabies Clinic**, Norway Fire Station, sponsored by Responsible Pet Care. Cost: \$10 rabies vaccination and \$25 microchipping. FMI: 743-8679.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Church and Meetinghouse: A Historical and Architectural Tour**. Self-guided tour, rain or shine. Tickets: \$10 available at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House (20 Broad Street) beginning 9 a.m. Map and brief history provided. FMI: 824-2908 e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

10 to 3 p.m. - **Book Signing** at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House by James Witherell, author of "L.L. Bean The Man and His Company: The Complete Story." FMI: 824-2908 e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

1 to 3 p.m. - **Book Signing** at Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House by Richard A. Hale, Associate Professor Emeritus of Wood Technology, U. Maine, author of "The Axe: The Tool That Built America." FMI: 824-2908 e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org

3 p.m. - **Pianist Frank Glazer**, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. FMI: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

8 p.m. **Dance** (last of season) at Waterford Fairgrounds with music by Monsta. \$10 per person. Snack bar open. Free ice. FMI: Lisa Scribner 890-7669.

Sept. 17 thru May 31

Exhibit Bethel Historical Society: "A Rich and Vibrant Legacy: The Traditional Crafts of Florence Bickford Hastings." FMI: 824-2908 e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

Sunday, Sept. 18

8 a.m. to 12 Noon - **Indoor Yard Sale**, Wilkins House, next door to church on Plummer Hill, Waterford.

2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine** meeting at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Brief business meeting followed by video of Wife Carrying Championships at Sunday River last October. Coffee social. FMI: 743-5677.

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** Summer BBQ and Family Fun Day at University of Maine 4-H Camp and Leadership Center, Bryant Pond. Social time with Congressman Michaud and Democratic party leaders and office holders, BBQ meal, program. Tickets (\$20; under 10 \$5) available by calling 875-2116.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

7:30 p.m. - **Author Lecture** on screen of Kathryn Stockett, best selling author of "The Help" at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. FMI: 935-9232 or www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sept. 23, 24, 25

9 a.m. (gates open) - **Common Ground Country Fair**, Unity, Maine.

Saturday, Sept. 24

1 p.m. - **Oxford Hills Bee Club** meeting Extension Center, South Paris. Topic: wrapping hives and getting bees ready for winter. FMI: John E. Seilonen (743-5009).

7 p.m. - **Evening of Blue Grass**, Bryant Pond Grange Hall to benefit repairs of hall. Featured: Kip and Dale Hemingway (Blue Grass Band) and The Thursday Night Pickers featuring Becky Law. Refreshments on sale.

Sunday, Sept. 25

12:30 p.m. - **Sixth Annual Bethel CROP Walk** for local and world hunger relief. Seventy-five percent goes to Church World Service or another designee and 15 percent to Bethel food Pantry. FMI: Mary Stryker (824-2379).

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Exhibit Opening: "A Rich and Vibrant Legacy: The Traditional Crafts of Florence Bickford Hastings"

A long-time member of the Bethel Historical Society, Florence Bickford Hastings (1904-2008) was a talented craftswoman interested in the teaching, exhibition and preservation of traditional crafts. In conjunction with the recent establishment of the "Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund" at the Bethel Historical Society (see our New and Noteworthy page for details), a generous sampling of her work including hooked and braided rugs, primitive reverse painting, stenciling, tile painting, cross-stitch, knitting, theorem painting, hand and machine sewing, embroidery, handmade furniture, and chair-caning—will be featured in this exhibit. During December, a number of her works carrying a holiday theme, including handmade Christmas decorations, will be added to the display. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robinson House.

James Witherell book signing

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"The Axe: The Tool that Built America"

Richard A. Hale, Associate Professor Emeritus of Wood Technology at the

University of Maine, will be on hand at the society's Robinson House from 1 to 3 p.m. to share information on the importance of the axe throughout the history of the United States. Professor Hale, who now makes his home in Bethel, also will have on display a number of antique tools that visitors will be able to study and examine.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency.

With over 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place — with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region — by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society makes the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.

Telstar High School fall sports previews

Cross-country

Boys returning runners: Adam Mahar (senior); Ben Lewis (senior); Casey Kellner (senior); Matthew Keane (senior); Josef Holt-Andrews (sophomore). **New runners:** Bronson Dean (sophomore); Greg Wheeler (freshman); James Lowell (senior)

Girls new runners: Gabi Stone (freshman)

The 2011 season will be a fun and testing season. Telstar boys did not graduate any runners from last season, which will help in the success of the team. I look for the team to step up to the challenge of being a top MVC team. Improving on the 3rd place showing in 2010 with the goal of bringing home the top trophy, which hasn't happened since the late '70s. To achieve this goal, they will have to outrun top challengers in 3 time returning champion Boothbay and always strong Monmouth. If all things come together, it would be nice to see them push the top teams at the state championships.

Leading the pack, Josef Holt-Andrews should be up in the mix to push the top runners throughout the season. He gained valuable experience his freshman year finishing in the top three in both XC and track. That experience and his will to compete I look to him to continue that success. Adam Mahar and Ben Lewis are seasoned runners going into their last year of XC. Adam and Ben both had a strong track season being multi event state qualifiers. All three runners are healthy coming into preseason, unlike last year where Ben Lewis was injured with a broken foot limiting his potential. The team is definitely going to be stronger with the addition of Bronson Dean (5:16 mile last year as a freshman). Matthew Keane, Casey Kellner, Greg Wheeler and James Lowell will all add to the depth needed to compete at the top level.

The sole lady Rebel at Telstar, Gabi Stone, is a natural runner with lots of potential. I think she is going to make an impact among the MVC performers with the goal to gain experience. Last year's solo girl harrier at Telstar yielded a Top 10 performance in the state and I think Gabi can fill those shoes with time. - Coach Dan Crocker

Golf

Telstar returns all five golfers from last year and has freshman Shelby Levesque joining the team. Led by seniors Danny Whitney and Kyle Peterson, the Rebels hope to be competitive in the MVC. Senior Anthony Dirago and Cody Boivin hope to contribute and junior Colt Davis rounds out the team. The Rebels need to sharpen their games and improve as the season progresses. Kyle Peterson was the only Rebel to qualify for the Individual States last season. Danny and Kyle are #1 and #2 respectively for the team. - Coach Jim Lunney

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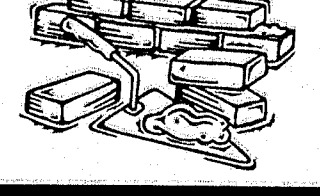
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Sports

High School Football

Winthrop 41, Telstar 14, Sept. 3— Will Lyman and Dylan Helms scored Telstar's two touchdowns in the Rebels' varsity debut loss to Winthrop. Sophomore quarterback Jared Vermette threw a pass to senior tight end Corey Howard for a 60-yard play that led to the first touchdown.

High School J.V. Field Hockey

Mt. Valley 1, Telstar 0; Sept. 2— The team opened their regular season with a hard-fought loss to Mountain Valley. The team really came together and played aggressively throughout the game. Mountain Valley scored the lone goal early, only about five minutes into the first half. Leading the offensive effort for Telstar were forwards Dakota Verrill, Sadie Ellsworth, Kenzie Blake and Anneliese Smith. The forwards had strong support from midfielders Annie Cushman, Ellie Conrad, and Katie Merrill. Kayla Verrill made many key plays in the backfield and goalie Meg Glover had four saves.— Coach Lori Davis

High School Cross-country

Boys meet at Telstar, Sept. 2: Telstar 25, Madison 37, Dirigo 75, St. Dom's 98. Winning time: 17:31.4. Telstar racers: 2. Joseph Holt 19:36.3; 3. Ben Lewis 20:32.6; 4. Adam Mahar 21:10.5; 6. Bronson Dean 21:37.7; 10. Matthew Keane 22:47.8; 16. Casey Kellner 23:48.3; 22. Greg Wheeler 26:20.2; 29. James Lowell 34:01.1. "The conditions were tough due to the leftovers of Hurricane Irene, but the boys started the season strong by winning the first meet. The team was led by a strong trio including Josef Holt-Andrews placing second, Ben Lewis in third and Adam Mahar in fourth. Following close behind to finish out the scoring was Bronson Dean (6th) and Matthew Keane (10th). On the girl's side, Gabi Stone showed she is someone to contend with in her first race at the high school level. She placed eighth overall with a strong run in tough conditions." Coach Dan Crooker.

High School Golf

St. Dom's 6 ½, Telstar ½; Sept. 5—Telstar's Danny Whitney tied his match and was the medalist for the day with a round of 38. The team is now 1-2 on the season.

Telstar 6 ½, Mt. Valley ½; Sept. 2— Telstar's Danny Whitney was the medalist with a 45 as he, Kyle Peterson, Anthony Dirago and Cody Boivin won their matches. Colt Davis won the ninth hole to tie his match. The Rebels are 1-1 on the season.

Winthrop 5, Telstar 2; Aug. 30—Telstar opened the season against a strong Winthrop team and lost 5-2. Anthony Dirago and Colt Davis earned the two Rebel points. Danny Whitney shot a 42 to pace the Rebels.

School Lunch Week of Sept. 8

Telstar Lunches

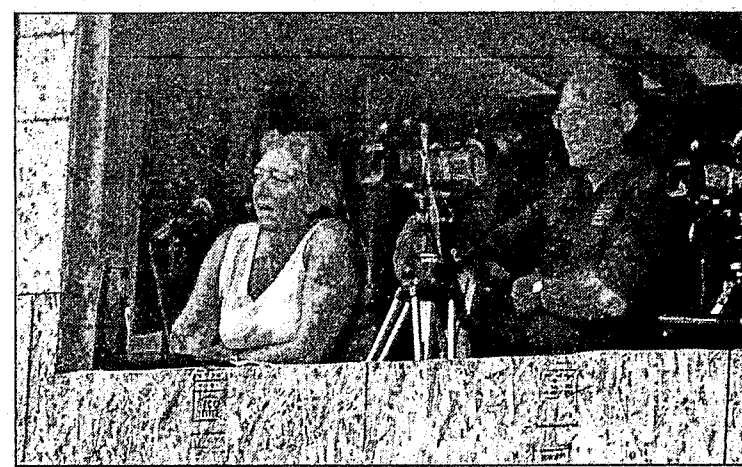
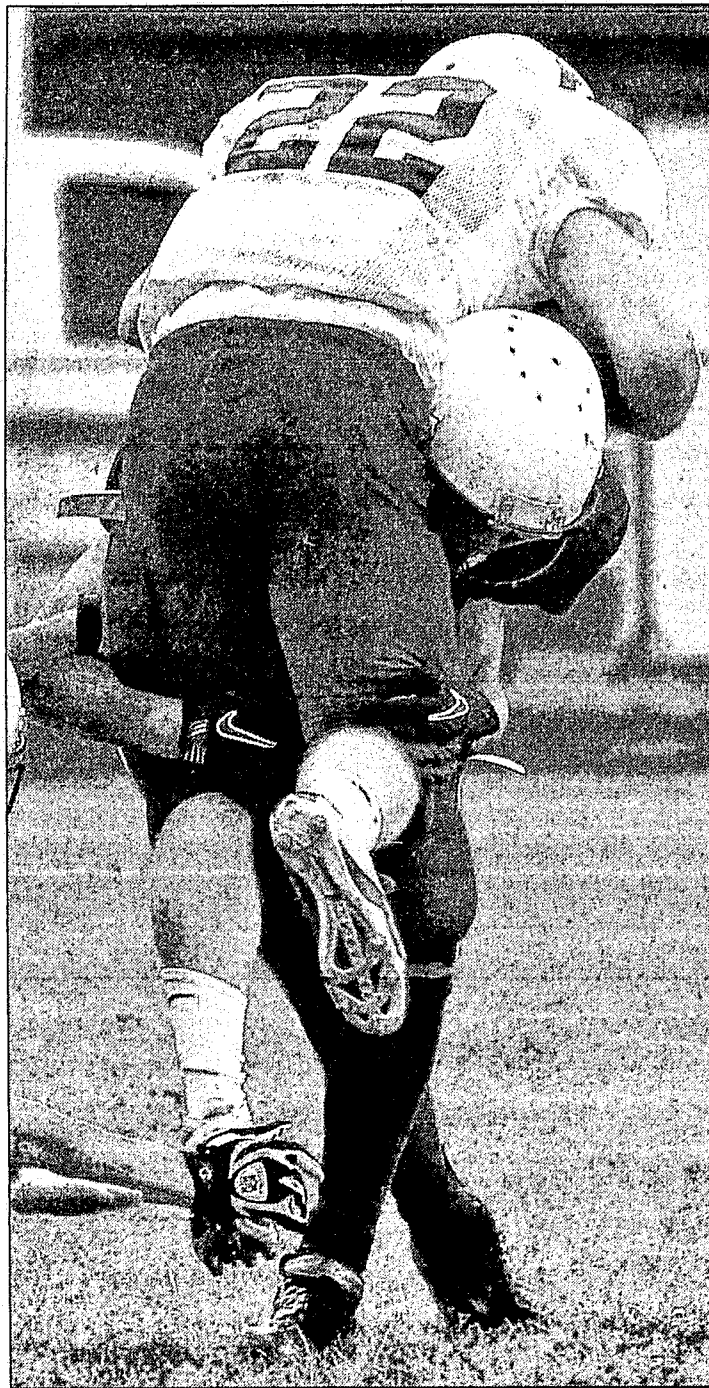
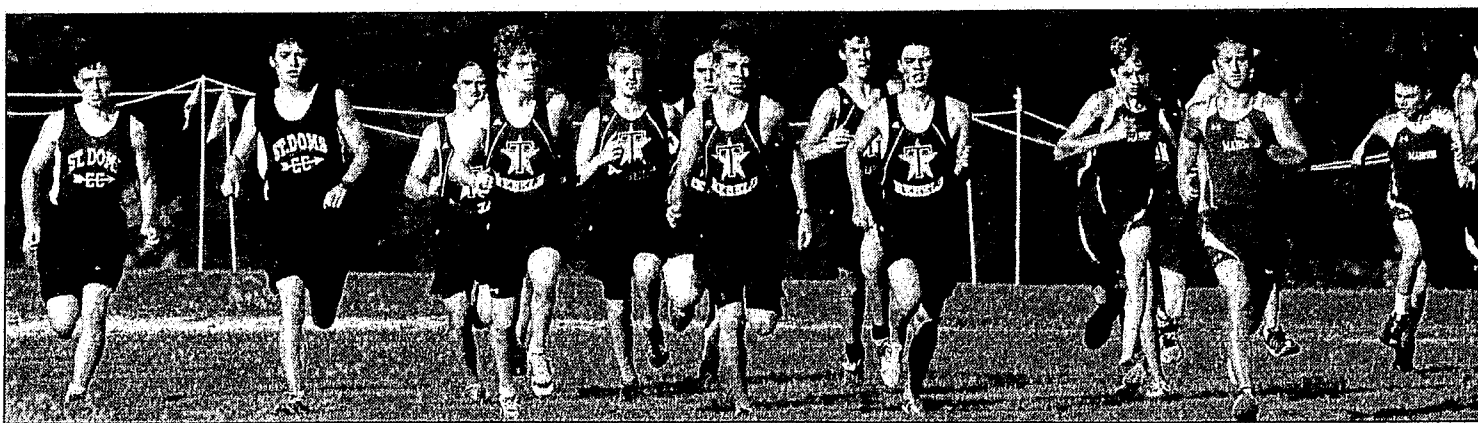
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TELSTAR SPORTS KICK OFF

Telstar hosted a cross-country meet among four schools Friday, and the Rebel boys won. Top, the Telstar squad (center) at the start. On Saturday, Telstar played its first football game as a varsity team, hosting Winthrop. Above left, Rebel defender Drew Wilson stops a Rambler runner with a solid tackle. Above right, Corey Howard hauls in a pass from quarterback Jared Vermette for a long gain. Bottom right, Paula Wheeler announces the game as Wayne Howe films it.

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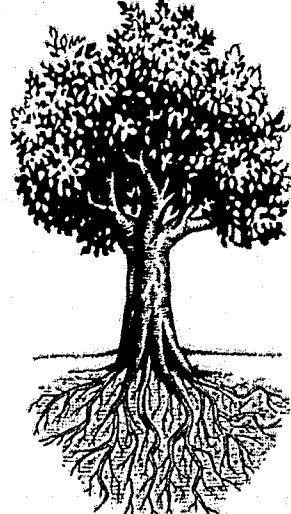
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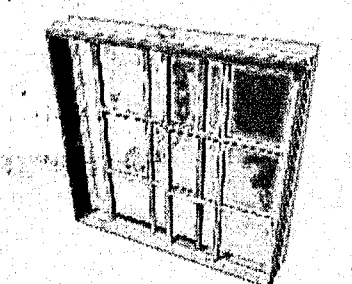


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Joseph and Donna Magoon to Western Maine Realty of Quincy, Mass., unspecified on Saunders Road, \$85,000, June 9, 2011.

John and Karen Porter Siegfried to Michael and Joy Rockwell of Gorham, land and building (Map 19, Lots 21 and 24), \$95,000, June 13, 2011.

Charles Garrity to Sherman and Susan Derby of Williamstown, Mass., land and building at 116 Maplewood Lane, \$35,000, June 13, 2011.

Adam Chadbourne to Western Main Realty of Quincy, Mass., 45 acres off Saunders Road, \$75,000, June 16, 2011.

Jerome Benson to Susan and Donald Anderson of Naples, Fla., undisclosed (Map 2, Lot 61A) \$50,000, June 16, 2011.

Mayo Foundation for Medical Education to David Hemphill and Melissa Skinner of West Paris, undisclosed at 842 South Main Street, \$100,000, June 16, 2011.

No new transactions were on file in Bethel or Greenwood.

About the listings: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction descriptions and prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive and be filed for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

Ten things to keep in mind when renting a home or apartment

(ARA) - Rent vs. own? More Americans are wrestling with that question as the economy continues its slow recovery. Even though homes are selling at record lows, many Americans are choosing to rent instead, maintaining their mobility and financial flexibility until the economy, as well as their job prospects, improve.

More than 38 million people currently rent their primary residence, which represents about one-third of total U.S. residences, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. With the recent downturn in the economy and the spike in foreclosures, the demand for apartments and homes to rent has grown steadily in many parts of the country. For those new to renting or those who haven't rented a place to live since college or their early 20s, it's important to understand your legal rights, according to the legal experts at FindLaw.com, a leading online source of legal information. Knowing your rights can help you avoid being taken advantage of or, avoid problems that could arise between you and your landlord.

Every renter should become familiar with these 10 tips from FindLaw.com:

Know your rights. It is illegal for a landlord to refuse your rental application for discriminatory reasons such as race, sex, color, religion, class, etc. If your application to rent an apartment is rejected, you have a right to know why. Landlords cannot say an apartment is unavailable if it isn't or use a different set of rules for assessing different applicants.

Background checks. Landlords want responsible, trouble-free tenants. To aid them in selecting a renter, they can use background checks and credit reports to learn about a prospective tenant's credit worthiness and potential criminal record. If you're dealing with these issues, it's often a good policy to be upfront with the landlord about any problems that may be revealed during a background check to gain the trust of the landlord.

What should be included in the lease or rental agreement? A lease can be wordy, but make sure that it has these important aspects: length of tenancy (month-to-month, one year or another period of time), amount of rent and deposits the tenant must pay, the number of people who can live on the rental property, who pays for utilities, whether the tenant may have pets, whether the tenant may sublet the property, and the landlord's access to the rental property.

Keep a written copy. While most states honor a verbal agreement, they are more likely to cause a dispute. Findlaw.com recommends getting your lease agreement in writing and using it as a reference for any complications that happen during your time as a tenant. If a landlord offers any additional benefits for renting, make sure those are spelled out in the rental agreement.

Call the landlord with a maintenance problem. Usually the landlord is responsible for all maintenance issues. Document the problem by writing down the date it started and taking pictures if necessary. In some agreements, landlords need to respond to the maintenance issue, so refer to your lease for specifics. If they don't respond, typical options include withholding a portion of rent until the problem is fixed, paying for the repair yourself and deducting the amount from your rent, or abandoning the property altogether without liability. Check the laws in your state.

Noisy neighbor. One of the biggest hassles of renting is dealing with a noisy neighbor. If your neighbor is disturbing you, notify your landlord. In most leases, tenants agree to be respectful of those around them. It's also a good idea to use your landlord as a third-party enforcer to preserve the relationship between you and your noisy neighbor.

Safety first. In many states, landlords must provide minimum safety equipment such as peepholes, deadbolts, window locks and safety glass. If your landlord promises certain safety features, make sure he or she follows through on those promises. Ask other neighbors about the security and safety of the area before renting an apartment.

Get renter's insurance. Renter's insurance is relatively cheap and will protect you where your landlord's insurance won't. If you suffer losses due to theft or damage or are sued by someone who alleges they were injured in your rental because of your negligence, renter's insurance can cover you and save you from a large financial loss.

Preserve your security deposit. Security deposits are one of the most disputed items between landlord and tenants, so make sure that your lease clearly spells out the exact manner in which your deposit will be used or withheld. When you first move in, do an extensive walk-through to record existing damage and keep a copy of whatever report you give to the landlord.

Handling an eviction. It's hard to decide how to handle an eviction. If you can prove that the landlord was wrong, then it may be worth it to fight against the eviction notice and protect your rights as a tenant. Sometimes, it's not worth the fight even if you win. Remember that in some cases you will still have to continue to deal with the same landlord. Also remember if you lose a lawsuit, you'll be evicted and have to pay a hefty fine.

To learn more about tenants' rights, go to FindLaw.com.



How is all the Rain Affecting You and Your Home?

BY BO BODEN

Heavy rains can have an adverse affect on the quality of your well water and your home environment. There are a number of things that can be done for a reasonable amount of money to combat these issues and make your home a healthier place to live.

Well Water Issues;

A thoughtfully placed and carefully installed well will be designed to source its water from the bottom portion of the well (filtered through the natural sands and gravel) and keep the surface water from entering the well. The surface surrounding the well is subject to vegetation decay and all the things that come with domestic and wild animals, birds, etc. Heavy rains can create a significant amount of surface water which may carry a number of undesirable substances into our wells, especially if there are gaps or cracks in the well casing. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends testing at least once a year for bacteria, nitrates and nitrites. If an expectant mother or infants are living in the home other substances should be tested for as well. Maine CDC also recommends testing your well every 3 to 5 years for a full range of substances. Dug and shallow wells are the most vulnerable, however drilled wells have been known to test positive for bacteria too.

Water testing can be performed by a well trained and knowledgeable home inspector or well water specialist for a moderate fee over and above the lab costs. If you are a "do it yourselfer" you may contact the labs directly for test kits. For more information concerning your well water safety contact;

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Water Intrusion and Affects in Homes;

Moisture is the single most source of damage to homes and the cause of unhealthy home environments. Wood Destroying Organisms (WDO), often referred to as Mold, can not occur without a source of moisture. Moisture, combined with stagnant air and a food source for the mold spores, creates ideal conditions for mold growth. Indications that conditions for mold growth may be present in your home include one or more of the following; a musty or damp mildew-like odor, visible mold or moisture intrusion and water damage including stains or efflorescence and punky or soft wood, bathroom or dryer vents not present or functioning or discharging within the structure, construction defects, neglected maintenance or repairs, and poorly maintained or improperly installed plumbing and heating and air conditioning units. Ineffective or broken gutters that discharge large amounts of water near the home can also have an impact on the amount of moisture entering your home. Many homeowners have created their own mold issues by sealing up all the air leaks within a home to make it energy efficient without FIRST addressing their high levels of humidity or moisture intrusion issues in the basement or elsewhere.

The presence of mold or the lack thereof cannot be determined (proven) without sampling and lab analysis. With that said, sampling is not always needed and in fact is often not necessary to perform a clean-up. It is, however, necessary to prove (if proof is needed or wanted) that a clean-up operation has been successful and thorough. Other instances that may justify testing areas that may be suspect are as follows; planning and preparing for child birth and the presence of infants and/or the elderly, unexplained long term illness of occupants, insurance claims, real estate transactions, personal knowledge of exposure of ones self and family members or employee's to a harmful substance, etc.

Clean-up of a mold-like substance should not be performed without taking the precautions for personal protection and containment of any potentially harmful substance to prevent spreading it throughout the home. Maine CDC should be contacted for additional information and instruction.

Because a basement or crawlspace is below grade, there exists a vulnerability to moisture penetration after heavy rains or during wet seasons. The most common cause of basement or crawlspace water problems is inadequate surface grading and drainage and neglected gutters and downspouts. Masonry and concrete materials are not waterproof and can wick moisture from the exterior of the structure into its interior. Exposed soil within the interior of the structure and loose-stacked and unsealed stone foundation walls (if present) may contribute to moisture, mold and/or bacteria intrusion and high levels of humidity in the air space of the structure. Moisture intrusion and/or high humidity in enclosed and unventilated or unconditioned spaces may create the ideal conditions for mold growth, decay wood structural support systems and rust or deteriorate metal components.

If moisture intrusion is currently a problem, or if it may become a problem in the future, it is recommended to make the needed modifications or repairs to stop the moisture intrusion and/or install systems to condition the air. It is recommended to grade any exterior soil level or install a sub-terrain drainage system to move the water, including water from gutters and downspouts, at least 6-feet away from the structure and its foundation as the first course of action. Within the structure, any exposed soil or loose stacked stone walls should be covered and completely sealed off from the basement or crawlspace at minimum with a sealed polyvinyl vapor barrier (fancy name for plastic). Waterproofing any masonry, concrete or other porous materials along with installing active interior moisture removal systems and conditioning the air within the spaces should all be considered. Interior removal systems are not limited to, but may include the installation of a dehumidifier and/or sump pump depending on the amount of moisture that occurs. For a minimal amount of required maintenance and added convenience, the dehumidifier will perform best with an automatic or continual drain system (connected to a sump pump or trapped drainpipe). A sump pump is recommended to be hard-plumbed to a trapped dry well system or discharge six feet or more away from the foundation in an area that will drain away from the structure. "Conditioning" a space may include heating, ventilating and/or dehumidification.

Any needed repairs to your roof should be performed sooner then later and your attic should be properly and adequately ventilated.

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Fight Allergens Lurking in Kitchens and Baths

(ARA) - While it's easy to blame seasonal pollen, it may be what's lurking on the caulk in your bathrooms or kitchens that is causing your family to snifle and sneeze. Since caulk is placed in moisture-rich areas, it can provide an ideal environment for mold and mildew to accumulate and grow. Mold can cause health issues, including allergic reactions, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Protecting the home from the initial growth or recurrence of mold and mildew on caulk depends on whether the right caulk is used. That's because not all mold protection in caulk is equal. Making sure you use a caulk that addresses the whole problem - fungus and bacteria - can help provide you with an effective, lasting defense.

"Homeowners need to look for a caulk that has the right type of biocide and one that is permanently impervious to water, helping to ensure that moisture - essential for mold to grow - is unable to leak or collect behind tiles, walls, tubs, showers or sinks," says Curtis Niles, National Association of Home Inspectors.

If you do decide that it's time to replace your caulk, it's important to do the job right to ensure lasting mold protection. Here are a few caulking tips:

* **Find the right caulk.** Look for 100 percent silicone: It's permanently waterproof and will never shrink, crack or deteriorate over time. Avoid using acrylic caulk, which can shrink or crack over time. Water can seep through gaps left by cracked caulk. These leaks can lead to water damage and mold growth. For added protection, choose a caulk with five or 10 year mold-free product protection. If you plan on painting over your caulk, choose a permanently waterproof and paintable caulk like Groov by GE.

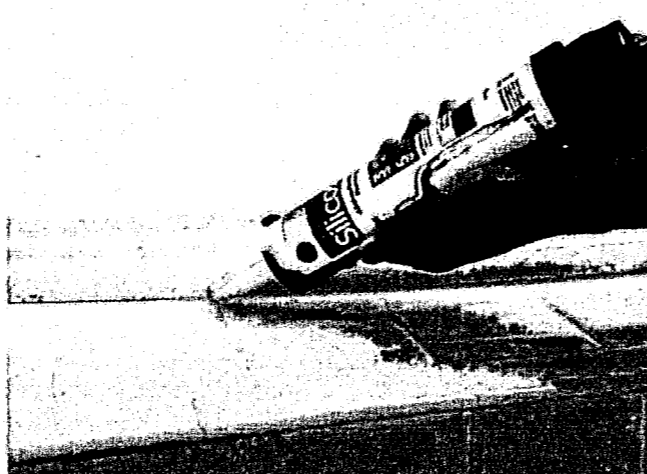
* **Clean the surface.** Remove old caulk, dirt, and loose particles with a caulk-removing tool and wipe clean with a cloth. Never caulk over old caulk. Use a razor blade first to remove the old caulk. By removing the old caulk you can also strip off any mold or mildew that may have formed.

* **Prepare the tube and seal.** Cut the nozzle to a size that matches the area that needs to be caulked; close to the tip for a smaller area and further down for a larger area. Pierce the inner seal with a stiff wire or other similar object. Insert cartridge into caulking gun. Squeeze with even, consistent pressure to control the rate at which the caulk leaves the tube as you pull the gun toward you.

* **Smooth the bead.** Use your finger or a wet caulk-smoothing tool within two to five minutes of application.

* **Store the tube and clean.** Squeeze the caulk until it's barely coming out of the tube. Replace the cap, or use a nail in the tube opening. Wipe hands with a dry cloth before washing with soap and water. To clean the area around the caulk, use mineral spirits for silicone caulk or Groov.

For more information on caulking products and project advice, visit www.gesealants.com.



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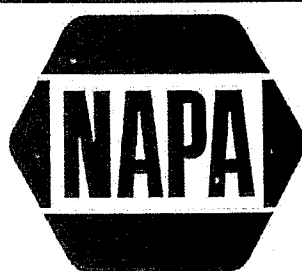
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The section to be opened would be from the where the Granite Ledge Road intersects with the Concord Pond Road for a distance of 1300'. To the Wind Tower Road so called.

Dated at Woodstock, Maine this 6th day of September 2011

Victor A. Young

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Stephen P. Bies

This notice to be posted at the Bryant Pond Post Office, the Woodstock Town office, Breaux's Too and the Union Church Building in South Woodstock.

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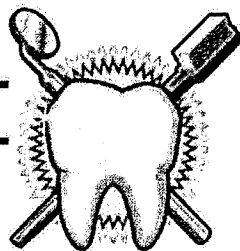
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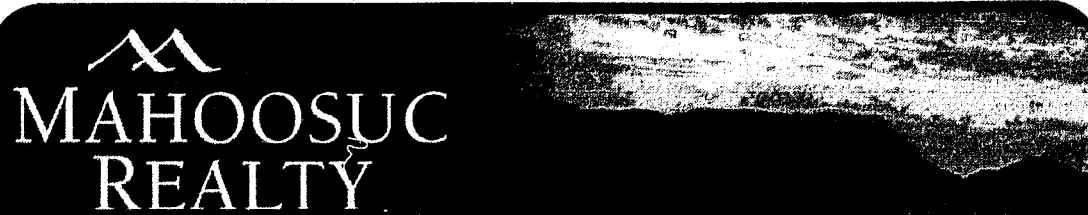
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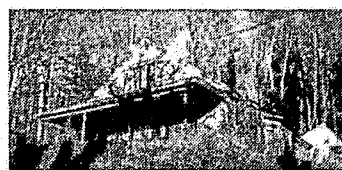
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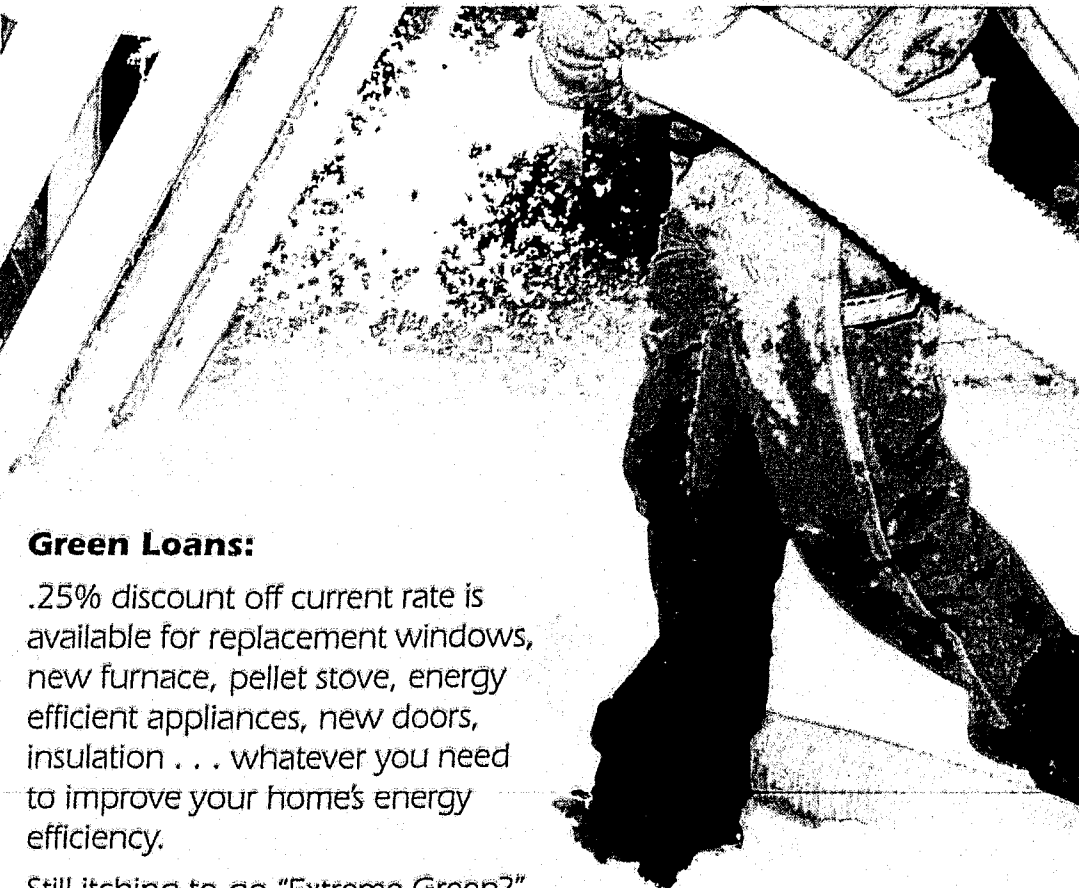
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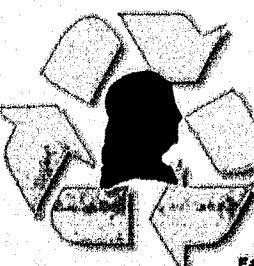


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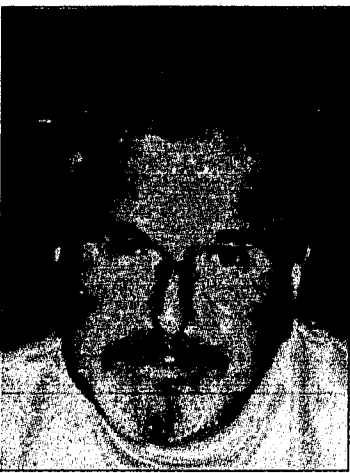


DAVID D. CHAISSON Sr.
Mr. David D. Chaisson Sr., 78, died Friday Sept. 02, 2011 at the Rumford Hospital. He was a resident of Upton Road in Andover.
Born in Mexico, Maine on June 27, 1933 he was a son of the late Philip and Jessie (MacPherson) Chaisson. He attended Andover schools. He worked for TRW as a mechanic and foreman.
David was a member of Charity Masonic Lodge in Cambridge, Mass., Knights of Pythias, Rumford Lodge 862, BPOE, Andover Congregational Church where he served as a Deacon.
He was married in Andover, Maine on May 29, 1954 to Philena Crooker who survives of Andover. Other survivors include three sons; David Chaisson, Jr. and his wife Denise of Salisbury, Mass., John Chaisson and his wife Carmen of Huachuca City, Ariz., Mark Chaisson and his wife Nelia of Mexico; a daughter, Mary Louise Chaisson of Waltham, Mass.; a brother, George Chaisson and his wife Jacqueline of Bridgton; four sisters; Grace Guimont and her husband Robert of Shrewsbury, Mass., Peggy Ann Roberts of West Paris, Eleanor Tuttle and her husband Dale of Wichendon, Mass., Jeannine Sullivan of Cambridge, Mass.; and

many grandchildren. He predeceased by a daughter, Myra, and many siblings.
Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.meaderanderson.com.
Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at the Andover Congregational Church with Rev. Jane Rich officiating. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Maine. Those who desire may contribute to Save Our School, c/o PO Box 219, Andover, ME 04216 or to the Andover Congregational Church, PO Box 249, Andover, ME 04216 in his memory.

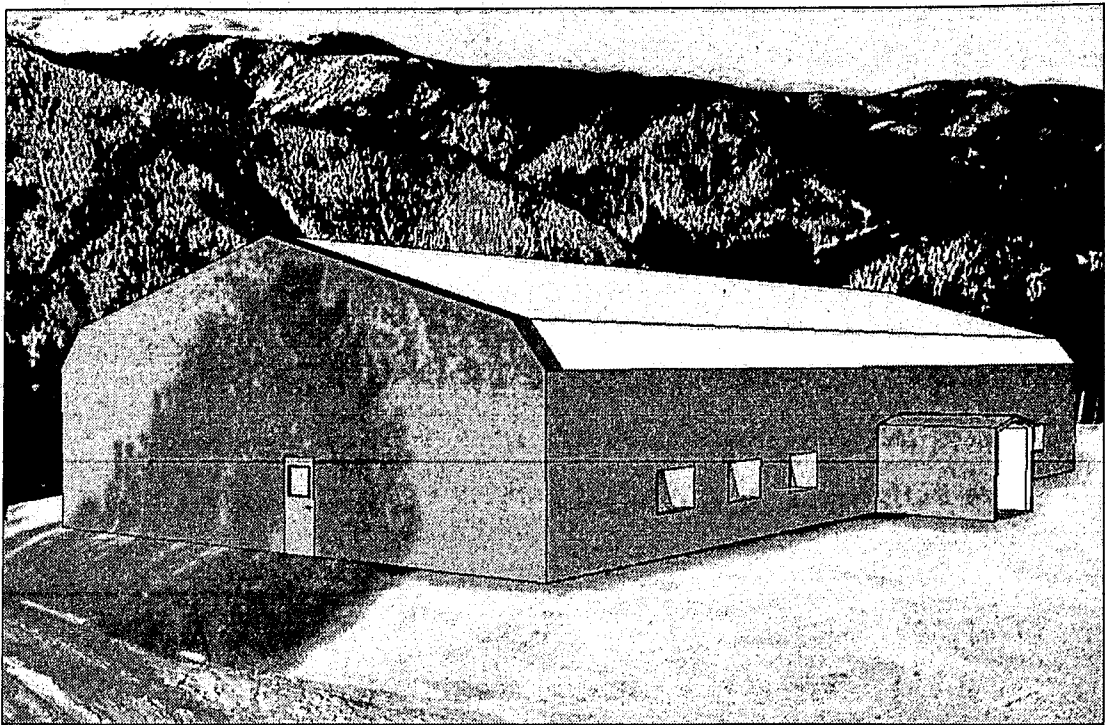
MARION L. THURSTON

Mrs. Marion L. "Gram" Thurston, 97, died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011 at her residence in Roxbury, Maine.
Born in Newry on Dec. 14, 1913, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Bessie (Searle) Learned. She was a graduate of Stephens High School with the Class of 1932.
She was married in Rumford on Oct. 12, 1932, to the late Leroy E. Thurston, who died in Lewiston on April 28, 1991.
She is survived by a daughter, Karen Hodsdon and companion Larry Drapeau of Roxbury; her extended family; and her cats, Pumpkin and Spice Girl.
She was predeceased by her husband, Leroy; a brother, George Learned; a sister, Eleanor Pugliese; and a son-in-law, Doug Hodsdon.
Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.meaderanderson.com.
Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 4, at Meader and Son Funeral Home, Rumford, with the Rev. Linda Kimball officiating. Those who desire, may contribute to McKenna's Adoption Agency, 88 Hall Hill Road, Rumford, Maine 04276, in her memory.



STEVEN HALE

Steven Hale of 32 Howard Street, Mexico, passed away very unexpectedly on Monday, Aug. 29, 2011 at his residence.
He was born in Berlin, N.H., on Sept. 25, 1948, the son of Norman and Dorothy Hale, West Bethel, Maine.
Steven attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy. He attended Bentley College and then Northeastern University in Boston where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.
Residing in Boston for the most part of his life, he worked for a tire company, as a wholesale distributor. Later, he was involved in the finance area, before returning back to Maine.
He was currently employed by Community Concepts, where he drove patients to and from their appointments, a job he accomplished quite well, because of his love of helping and caring for people.
His other passions were cooking for his friends, working with crafts and flowers. He enjoyed listening to a variety of music on his iPod, as well as dancing, helping friends and family whenever there was a need.
While in the Boston area, he had many friends, especially Paul and Joanne McKenzie of Acton, Mass., who nicknamed him "Harvey."
Steven was a member of the Le Paresseux Club and Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was an active member of AA, where his special friends were there to always give him a helping hand, including David McKenna and Geri Viger of Rumford and Patti Lavorgna, Delta Junction, Alaska, as well as many others.
He is survived by his sister-in-law, Arlynn Hale of West Bethel, Amy Hale and son Brandon, Boston, Mass., Mindy Evans and husband Mike and daughters Hannah and Katelynn of Bethel; Special companion, Gloria Barnett and her family of Rumford. Other special friends include John and Carolyn Perry and Mike and Sharon Madore of Rumford.
A celebration of Steven's life will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Rumford Eagles Club, 13 Oxford Avenue, Rumford from 5 to 8 p.m.



RENDERING OF MT. ABRAM LODGE FOR THE 2011-2012 SEASON. Ski Mt. Abram has released a rendering of the building that will serve as its main lodge for the coming November-April ski season, replacing the lodge destroyed by a lightning-sparked fire in early July. The 50-X-110 structure will be an "engineered-fabric building." The manufacturer, Rubb, is a Norwegian company that apparently pioneered this type of structure, according to company spokesman Skip King. "They were originally designed as temporary structures for harsh conditions in northern Europe; many of these buildings have been in service for more than 25 years. Rubb now has manufacturing and sales operations in Norway, the UK and the US — with US headquarters being local (they're located in Sanford)," King said. "Rubb structures are in use worldwide in a variety of applications, including sports complexes, military applications, emergency relief, aviation and a variety of other applications." King said the side of the temporary building facing the slopes will have several windows. Resort General Manager Kevin Rosenberg said it will be painted in Mt. Abram's familiar two-tone-blue color scheme.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS AND PHOTOS

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated. All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person. **Photos:** When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person. Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444. News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com. **Returns:** Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

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